

Histadrut threatens new wave of strikes

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Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — All Histadrut-aligned national trade unions will declare work disputes in the near future if Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad does not bring the tax brackets, welfare points and child allowances in line with the rate of inflation.

In addition to the declarations of labour disputes, which could mean a wave of strikes in about two weeks, work committees throughout the country will hold "information sessions" during work hours next week to explain to employees the consequences of the tax-bracket issue.

The Histadrut's newly-formed "action committee" dealing with the confrontation with the Finance Ministry decided at its first meeting yesterday that the national unions will declare labour disputes if Cohen-Orgad does not revise the tax brackets by the end of the week, which is the deadline announced on Monday by Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar.

The committee also decided that a meeting of all the country's labour councils and work committees will be held in the next few days to decide on a plan of action. The action committee, which is headed by Trade Union Department chairman Haim Haberfeld and includes several central committee members will hold another meeting today with the participation of trade union leaders and workers' representatives.

Central committee member Gideon Ben-Yisrael predicted that unrest "will destroy the labour quiet," if Cohen-Orgad continues his "unilateral rampage."

The crisis was sparked by the Finance Minister's announcement last week that he would not revise tax brackets, welfare points and child allowances to bring them in line with July's 12.4 per cent rise in the consumer price index. The Histadrut has accused Cohen-Orgad of breaking a verbal agreement to revise the brackets every time the cost-of-living increment is paid.

According to Histadrut economists, failure to revise the brackets will lead to a loss of between \$5,000 and \$15,000 for salaried employees. Some 60 per cent of the 9.9 per cent C-o-L increment to be paid at the beginning of next month will be lost to erosion, the economists estimate.

The Treasury said yesterday that the labour federation has no reason to open a campaign of labour unrest. It added that the agreements binding the government do not talk about monthly adjustment of the brackets. "The government acts in accordance with the law, and the law says

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Continuing the negotiations for a possible national unity government yesterday at Tel Aviv's Dan Hotel are (left to right) Alignment MK Yitzhak Navon, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

Hefetz: 'I had to fight this to the end'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
PETAH TIKVA. — The Police blunders in handling the information about the "Lifta gang" who planned to blow up Moslem holy places jeopardized the security of Israel, while police attempts to cover up the blunder could have caused even worse disasters, Nitzav-Mishne Asaf Hefetz said at the police disciplinary court yesterday.

Hefetz, who took the stand for some five hours, is accused of leaking information to the press about the police's alleged mishandling of the case. "We already had an intelligence blunder before the Yom Kippur War, in which many of my friends sacrificed their lives. That's why I viewed this affair so gravely. When it became obvious to me that the police command was trying to cover up the blunder, I was deeply concerned, as a police officer and as a citizen of the State of Israel. It's more than a principle to me. I was prepared to fight this to the end," Hefetz told the tribunal.

Hefetz, who until his suspension in March was head of the Tel Aviv

Police Central Unit, said that when he received from his intelligence officer information about the Lifta gang, he immediately linked it to attacks on churches and other non-Jewish holy places in Jerusalem.

The information, which the Central Unit transferred to National Police headquarters in Jerusalem, was probably the most critical to have been received by the police in 1982 and 1983, he continued. "But as far as I know, nothing was done about it by the Jerusalem Sub-District Police, by the Southern District Police or by national headquarters."

"To this day I cannot grasp how the entire police system didn't piece this information together or where the information disappeared to. How could this happen?" he asked.

For the past year and a half, Hefetz said former Tel Aviv District Commander and now Southern District Commander Avraham Turgeman has been trying to get rid of him. He felt that any opportunity would be used by Turgeman to remove him from his duties, he said.

Hefetz said he was shocked that his telephone conversations with re-

porters had been secretly recorded. "Due to my position, I am perhaps Israel's main 'listener-in' on other people's conversations, and I know how difficult it is to obtain a permit to tap a telephone. I was stunned to learn that on the basis of unfounded suspicions, a permit was obtained to tap a senior officer's telephone. This is a serious breach of trust," Hefetz said.

After learning that the Jerusalem police and national headquarters had done nothing with the information from the Central Unit following the accidental prevention of an

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Druse Sheikh to boycott Golan event

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA. — Israeli Druse spiritual leader Sheikh Amin Tarif, will not make the annual pilgrimage to the tomb of the Druse prophet Al-Yafuri in the Golan Heights on Saturday, apparently in a move to show his sympathy with pro-Israel Druse there.

Tarif's unprecedented decision was taken against the background of the bitterness and conflicts between pro-Israel and pro-Syrian Druse in the Golan Heights.

Salman Abu Salah, a leader of pro-Israel Druse in the Golan said yesterday that the religious ban on the Druse holding Israeli citizenship continues and that they are the objects of personal attacks. He said he has told the mayor of Kiryat Shmona that he would like to move there permanently with his wife and family.

On Monday, Abu Salah told reporters in Tel Aviv that contrary to statements by Druse religious leaders in the Golan Heights, Tarif has said that there is no religious objection to a Druse's being pro-Israel.

Weizman seen sure of top government post Likud softens position as Labour consolidates

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Likud has softened its position in the unity talks, following Ezer Weizman's shift toward the Alignment in the coalition negotiations.

At the foreign policy working group in Tel Aviv last night, Likud ministers accepted a formula "calling on Jordan to join peace talks" — without specifically linking such talks to Camp David.

Weizman himself, meanwhile, is assured of a top job in a Labour-led government — whether broad- or narrow-based. Well-placed Labour sources said Weizman's position as foreign minister, or some similar post, was "now guaranteed."

Labour's prospects of heading a government continued to improve throughout yesterday as Weizman (Yahad-three seats) and Yigal Hurvitz (Ometz-one seat) held firm in their preference for an Alignment-led coalition.

Weizman is due to make his position clear to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a private meeting today. But in the Likud there is a sense of resignation to the fact that Weizman — at present at any rate — has thrown in his lot with Labour.

Hurvitz, in a television interview last night, strongly urged a unity government — but added that "if the Likud illogically rejects Shimon Peres's offer, I will not stop short of joining a narrow government under Labour."

Agudat Yisrael made it clear yesterday that if Weizman and Hurvitz continue to hold firm, it will feel free to reconsider its allegiance to the Likud — since the Likud in that case will have no prospect of setting

up a government under its leadership.

The National Religious Party was more hesitant. Its leaders still spoke forcefully of their commitment to a unity government and of their determination not to join a narrow coalition. But in the Alignment there are hopes that this determination will weaken if the Alignment can persuade the NRP that Likud obduracy on policy issues is preventing the creation of a unity government.

The Likud's concession in the unity talks reflected, according to Labour participants, a recognition of its straightened circumstances in the wake of the Weizman-Hurvitz move. "Their entire attitude was more soft-spoken," a Labour source said.

The Likud did not accept Labour's proposal on the talks-with-Jordan passage in its entirety. Labour suggested that the government "call on Jordan to enter talks on a just and lasting peace." The Likud ministers said they would have to refer back to Shamir on "just and lasting."

But they accepted "peace," moving back from their earlier insistence on the "the peace process" — which clearly implied the Camp David process.

Labour has consistently argued that Jordan cannot be required to adhere exclusively to Camp David since she did not sign it.

A Likud source maintained last

night that the concession was not far-reaching since "the context of the call to Jordan is clearly that of Camp David. Other passages in the text call on Egypt to resume the Camp David autonomy talks, and call for the West Bank residents to be involved in this process as prescribed in Camp David."

On existing West Bank settlements, the Likud withdrew its demand that their "existence and development" be guaranteed in the policy-platform of the unity government. Instead, the Likud agreed that while the settlements' "existence" would be guaranteed, their "development" would be subject to *ad hoc* cabinet votes.

Both sides emerged from session in Tel Aviv last night speaking of "progress." Likud's Deputy Prime Minister David David Levy went so far as to air the possibility of a unity government's being formed within Shimon Peres' 21-day period, which expires on Sunday.

But Labour's spokesman, Yitzhak Navon, was more circumspect, pointing out that many problems remain to be dealt with.

One key problem continues to be Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria which have been approved by the previous government but have not been built. The foreign-policy working group resolved last night that this must be taken up by

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Who is entitled to wield the gavel?

Post Knesset Correspondent
Two Knesset Members claim the privilege of convening and presiding over the next session of the plenum, as the oldest MK entitled to discharge this duty.

The Alignment's Abba Eban last night sent a message to Knesset Clerk Samuel Jacobson ordering him to convene the House on September 3. Earlier in the day, however, Interior Minister Yosef Burg (National Religious Party) told Jacobson that he would preside over the next session.

Burg is 75 and Eban is 69. Jacobson, who had not received Eban's instructions last night, admit-

ted to *The Jerusalem Post* that he was in a dilemma. "I'm only an official," he said. "When two men are both holding onto the prayer shawl, it is not for me to decide between them," he added, alluding to the classic Talmudic discussion.

Burg yesterday went along with the Likud's Haim Corfu, deputy chairman of the Knesset's Steering Committee, in rejecting that body's decision of Monday as well as Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir's ruling that Eban should serve as Interim Speaker. Zamir told Burg in reply to Burg's query that a minister may not serve as Interim Speaker.

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30 killed in Tripoli clashes; Jemayel, Assad may meet

TRIPOLI. — Moslem militias allied and opposed to Syria battled with mortars, multiple rocket launchers and machine guns for a second straight day yesterday in Lebanon's northern port of Tripoli. The Red Cross here said at least 30 persons were killed and 190 wounded.

In Beirut, Prime Minister Rashid Karamah indicated that Presidents Hafez Assad of Syria and Amin Jemayel may meet soon to try to advance Lebanon's stalled peace process.

After a visit by a senior Syrian envoy, Karamah said that "a summit is possible at any time. It could be at the end of this month or the beginning of next month," Beirut Radio quoted Karamah as saying.

The wail of ambulance sirens echoed through Tripoli, a city of half a million inhabitants, overnight and yesterday morning. Overwhelmed hospitals appealed for blood donations and sent several victims to medical centres in neighbouring towns.

The fighting pitted the Syrian-backed "Arabian knights" militia-men against irregulars of the anti-

Syrian "Islamic Unification" movement. The two groups have been locked in an on-again, off-again war for local dominance in Tripoli for two years.

A cease-fire was worked out by a committee of Tripoli community leaders, and at sundown the city was calm.

The Tripoli flare-up coincided with renewed Syrian efforts to consolidate a six-week-old cease-fire that has curbed the Moslem-Christian civil war elsewhere in Lebanon.

Druse warlord Walid Jumblatt and his Shi'ite Moslem war ally Nabih Berri had three and a half hours of talks with Syrian Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam in Damascus yesterday on a stalled security plan to re-establish state authority in the central Lebanese mountains.

But before returning with Berri to Beirut, Jumblatt renewed his demand that the mountain security plan be linked to political reforms that would redistribute power equally between Moslems and Christians

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Egypt says it is certain that Libya laid the mines

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt yesterday said it is now nearly certain that the Libyans were responsible for the mining of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Suez that has damaged at least 18 ships in the past six weeks.

A top Egyptian military source, quoted by the state-run Middle East News Agency (MENA), said: "Our suspicions are almost confirmed that the Libyan ship Ghat dropped the mines in the Red Sea."

At the same time, as the international mine-hunting effort proceeded, the Egyptians were working quietly behind the scenes to develop a common strategy for security in the vital waterway with other Arab governments along its shores, even though those states broke relations with Egypt following the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

Sources at the Foreign Ministry acknowledged that contacts are under way between Cairo and other Red Sea states for unified action, but added, "there is nothing concrete to say at this point."

Other government sources said Egyptian officials have been talking with Sudan, North Yemen and

"most probably" Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

The British, with four mine-hunters and a support ship, are working in the northern part of the gulf. The Americans using the oceanographic survey ship Harkness and the USS Shreveport with four RH-53D helicopters, are searching the middle section. Three other U.S. helicopters aboard the USS Lalande and three French naval vessels are working the area around the Saudi Arabian port of Jeddah on the Red Sea.

Three other French navy vessels are en route, and Italy yesterday gave parliamentary approval to dispatching ships to help in the search.

The military source quoted by MENA did not say whether Cairo had any firm evidence implicating the Libyans in the mine-laying. "The mines could not have been dropped from an ordinary ship," he said. "It had to be a roll-on, roll-off... upon checking roll-on, roll-off vessels that went through in a certain time frame, information emerged that will not be revealed now, but

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Security advice not only Israeli-Sri Lankan link

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Israel's security assistance to Sri Lanka is not the sole basis of the recent improvement of relations between the two countries, but it did trigger the improvement in the relationship, according to a senior Sri Lankan official now on a private visit to Israel.

Israel has recently established an interests section in the U.S. Embassy in Colombo, after many years of no diplomatic ties at all.

Douglas Liyanage, secretary of the Ministry of State, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that his country is benefiting from "Israel's large volume of experience and expertise" in the field of anti-terrorist intelli-

gence. He confirmed an official statement issued in Jerusalem on Monday that only five Israeli government officials, all non-military, are now in Sri Lanka — two diplomats and three agricultural experts. He was vague about the identity and status of Israelis aiding in the anti-terrorist effort.

Liyanage noted that his government is also being aided by a group of British "professionals," former members of crack army units. This group had previously served in Oman, he said.

While both Britain and the U.S. sympathize with Sri Lanka's fight against terrorist tactics by Tamil secessionists, Liyanage said, they



Douglas Liyanage

are reluctant to become involved directly, for fear of clashing with India. He said that the Tamil guerrillas are closely and constantly supported by seaborne infiltration from southern India.

There are some 50 million Tamils in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, 35 kilometres across the water from Sri Lanka.

Liyanage stressed that Israeli security experts have not been involved in sea patrols or in any other operational activity. Rather, he said, they have contributed to improving Sri Lanka's intelligence effort in the civil strife.

"We are quite capable of dealing with internal violence — and have had

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COPENHAGEN	11	18	10	Clear
FRANKFURT	11	18	10	Clear
GENEVA	11	18	10	Clear
HONG KONG	26	32	10	Clear
LOS ANGELES	11	18	10	Clear
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NEW YORK	11	18	10	Clear
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Jerusalem	40	16-24	17-24
Golan	40	16-24	17-24
Nahariya	40	16-24	17-24
Safed	40	16-24	17-24
Tiberias	40	16-24	17-24
Nazareth	40	16-24	17-24
Haifa	40	16-24	17-24
Be'er Sheva	40	16-24	17-24
Eilat	40	16-24	17-24

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Australian Ambassador Robert Merrilles will speak on "Archaeology in Cyprus" at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

The Brit mila was celebrated at the Plaza hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday of Gali, the son of Zvi German, a former senior Israel Defense Forces officer blinded in war. Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy and Simha Holzerberg, "the father of the IDF wound," were among those present.

Further hearing in Nigerian kidnap case

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. - The three Israelis accused of kidnapping former Nigerian transport minister Umaru Dikko at Stansted Airport last month, are to appear at Lambeth in court for the fourth time tomorrow, when it is expected that they will be committed for trial. The trial will probably begin at the Old Bailey later this year.
A detective from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad said yesterday that they are still looking for four other men in connection with the kidnapping.
The three Israelis being held are Dr. Lev Arie Shapiro, Alexander Barak and Felix Aboubait. They were arrested when Dikko was discovered drugged and hidden in a crate prior to a flight to Nigeria from England.

No injuries in bombing at Bank Leumi in Paris

PARIS (AP). - A bomb exploded just before midnight Monday at the Paris branch of Bank Leumi, but caused no injuries and only minor damage, officials said.
Interior Minister Pierre Joxe, accompanied by Paris Police chief Guy Fougier, immediately went to the scene of the blast, near the Paris Opera.
An assistant prosecutor told reporters the bomb broke windows at the bank and damaged two cars parked in front of the building, on the corner of the heavily frequented Boulevard des Italiens and the Rue des Italiens.
No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

Egyptians hold tourists for counterfeit dollars

EILAT (Itim). - The Egyptian authorities yesterday arrested two German tourists at the Taba border crossing point on suspicion of circulating counterfeit dollar bills.
The pair were part of a tour group from Israel. The fake bills were detected when the two presented them at the local bank in exchange for Egyptian currency.

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will be closed from Sunday, August 26 until Friday, August 31.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

New quarter on ancient site

Archeologists want Hebron building halted

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Jewish quarter recently established at Tel Rumeida in Hebron is situated on the city's ancient defence line and some of the groundwork for the new quarter has damaged ancient strata, the Association of Archeologists in Israel has charged.

In a letter to Defence Minister Moshe Arens, the association urged scrapping all plans for construction there. The association, which represents more than 130 archeologists, wrote to Arens because his ministry made the preparations for the settlement there.

Meanwhile, work at the site continues. Two more caravans have been moved there, bringing the total to six. A sewage pit has been dug and workers are drilling a ditch for sewage pipes.

The archeologists said that some members of their executive had visited the site and determined that the new quarter is "on the ancient city's (northern) line of defence." They charged that "levels of ancient settlement were slightly damaged" during preparation of the site for its new settlers.

One of the executive members, Dr. Ami Mazar of the Hebrew University, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the workers had "scratched the edges" of the ancient settlement, but

that damage was "not significant."

In their letter, the association said Jabel Rumeida is one of the most important archeological sites in the country because "there are remnants there of the periods of the Patriarchs and the Jewish Kingdom. There is no doubt that damaging this site will detract from our cultural heritage."

The archeological dig is being carried out several hundred metres from the settlers' caravans. Already uncovered is a wall from the Middle Bronze period. But Mazar said the archeologists did not yet know where the town had been situated during the period of the kingdom.

The association wants systematic archeological digs at the site and the preservation of finds. Hence, even after the dig there should be no construction there. "Construction would be a barbaric, anti-cultural act," it said.

The association noted that the ancient site had been well-preserved, and that during the Jordanian rule, there had been no construction there. Several digs there unearthed important remnants of the Patriarch's period, the letter said. "We demand that the State of Israel treat this site with at least as much respect as the Jordanians did," the letter added. By now, however, there are several Arab buildings in the area.

TA rally calls for unity government

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Constitutional law Prof. Binyamin Akzin yesterday called on President Chaim Herzog to depart from precedent and become involved in the division of cabinet seats, including that of the prime minister, in a Labour-Likud coalition.

Speaking to an audience of several hundred at Kikar Malki Yisrael here, at a rally called to show support for such a national unity government, Akzin insisted that such a move would not be unconstitutional. But it would be, he said, an historical act, and is the order of the day, since the distribution of portfolios and not policy gaps is the only obstacle, he added.

Former Knesset speaker Menahem Savidor and former MK Mordechai Ben-Porat also addressed the gathering, as did Elsciat general manager Dr. Avraham Suhaimi, who said that only a broad coalition would have the strength to take the drastic steps necessary to cure the economy, including a cut in the standard of living of all population sectors.

Other speakers included industrialist Avraham Shavit, Netanyahu's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv, who called on the two major parties to agree quickly on withdrawal from Lebanon, economic measures and a change in the electoral system.

Two Tira children badly hurt on roads

KFAR SAVA (Itim). - Two children from Tira, seven kilometres north of here, were seriously injured Monday afternoon when they were hit by cars while crossing the road.

Mansour Raousan and Haj Yehie Ahsan, both six, were taken to the Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava. In Netanyahu, five-year-old Yehoshua Yifrah was slightly hurt when he was hit by a parking taxi. He was treated in a hospital and released.

A soldier was arrested yesterday

after being involved in a collision at the Urim junction in the western Negev while driving a car he took without permission from his adoptive family last week.

Two people were injured in the accident.

The 19-year-old soldier had also picked up another soldier who was hitchhiking near Herzliya and made off with his rifle and personal effects after the second soldier asked him to stop so he could get something to eat at a roadside stand.

Death penalty demanded at Jerusalem rally

Several hundred persons demanded the death penalty for Arab terrorists at a rally called in downtown Jerusalem yesterday by friends and relatives of Moshe Tamam, a soldier murdered nearly two weeks ago in Samaria.

Tamam's father, Eli, said he wanted his son to be the last soldier murdered, and called for the execution of the families of murderers from the country.

Moshe's brother Oren demanded that the death penalty be instituted, saying that "if we do not put an end to this, they will rise up against us."

Several Knesset members were invited to the rally, but the only one to attend was Meir Kahane, who called for "Vengeance!" (Itim)

He survived by his parents, an older brother and younger sister. His father, Professor Marshall Samat, formerly of Chicago, teaches business administration at the Hebrew University. (Itim)

Funeral of Ido Samrat in Jerusalem tomorrow

The funeral of Ido Samrat, 22, who was murdered in Fort Worth, Texas on Saturday night will leave at noon tomorrow from the Sanhedria funeral parlour for the Har Hamenuhot cemetery.

Samrat was shot to death by gunmen who fired into the car in which he and his friend, Rami Ronnen, also of Jerusalem, were asleep. The car was parked near the highway. Samrat left on the trip to the U.S.

He was with a number of friends and a half ago. He was reportedly warned by his parents to spend the night only in camping sites, motels or hotels.

Hotels lose stars, listings for various faults

Jerusalem Post Staff
The Tourism Ministry's national hotel advisory council yesterday stripped stars from hotels it deemed overrated and removed others from the recommended list circulated among travel agents.

Among those removed from the list were the Europa Hotel in Tel

Aviv, because most of its rooms are rented to the municipal water department, and the Club Hotel in Eilat, which has ceased operations because of a dispute between owners.

Also in Eilat, the Blue Sky Caravan and the Sun Bay were taken off the list because of the low level of their services and facilities, according to the Tourism Ministry announcement.

Jerusalem's Tirat Batseva lost one of its four stars, for failing to carry out repairs and renovations previously promised.

In Tel Aviv, the Dan, Sheraton, Marina and Diplomat were all warned to correct sanitation faults, and being sued for failure to post prices are the Tel Aviv Sheraton, Hilton and Dan, and the Jerusalem King David and Plaza.

Perkis tops Krickstein

Post Sports Reporter
Shahar Perkis, the 20-year-old Haifa tennis player, yesterday scored the biggest win of his career with a surprise 7-6, 6-1 victory over fourth seeded Aron Krickstein in the ATP championship at Cincinnati, Ohio. Perkis went through three qualifying rounds before gaining his place in the tournament, and his triumph will gain him 30 ATP points.

RED SEA MINES

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our suspicions are almost confirmed that the Libyan ship Ghat dropped those mines, and that mine-laying specialists were aboard that ship. He added that the mines were "most probably Italian made." Al-Ahram claimed earlier that the mines probably had been purchased by Libya from Italy.

The Ghat transited the Suez Canal southward on July 6, three days before the first explosion in the Gulf of Suez, and again northward in late July, a few days before another five explosions.



The plastic bag holds a kilogram of cocaine found yesterday by the drugs division of the Tel Aviv District Police force. (IPPA)

Jewish terror suspects fire lawyers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Declaring that their chances of receiving a fair trial are nil, seven of the 20 remaining defendants in the Jewish terrorist case yesterday dismissed their lawyers and said they would represent themselves.

Among the seven are three men who face possible life sentences if convicted of murder: Nir Barak, Shaul Nir and Uzi Sharabaf. The other four are Ben-Zion Heineman, Yaacov Heineman, Yitzhak Novick and Hagai Segal.

In their letter to the lawyers, the

seven expressed their thanks but declared that it was pointless for the seven to devote further emotional and financial effort to preparing their defence. "because of the atmosphere in which information meant to influence the outcome of the trial is leaked to the press."

The accused were also bitter over what they anticipate will be the court's refusal to consider their actions in the context of what they say is the government's failure to provide proper security for Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria.

Knesset urged to monitor U.S. trade

Post Knesset Correspondent

The senior Likud member on the Knesset Finance Committee, Dan Tichon (Liberal), last night demanded that the committee convene to discuss the government's proposal to sign a free-trade agreement with the U.S.

Tichon, an economist, said the implications of the proposed agreement, both positive and negative, are so vast that the Knesset must air the subject thoroughly.

Labour's former senior man on the Finance Committee, the Danny Rosolio, who now runs Heyrat Ha'ovdim, the Histadrut's holding company, said last night that since the U.S. Congress is monitoring the free-trade negotiations, the Knesset should monitor them on the Israeli side with the same authority and responsibility.

The Knesset has already chosen an interim finance committee to deal with such urgent matters, but its chairman, Agudat Yisrael's Avraham Shapira, seems so dejected over his party's losses in the July election and so busy with his private industrial affairs that he has not had the time to take up the free-trade issue.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt suggested yesterday that industrialists send a representative with the Israeli delegation leaving for Washington at the beginning of next week to discuss the final agreement on a U.S.-Israeli free-trade zone.

Patt wants the agreement to include an adjustment period so that Israeli industry will be able to compete with a future influx of American goods.

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and the Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace for its Knesset majority. But Labour leaders believe this will remain only a hypothetical scenario and that the Aguda and the NRP, recognizing the Likud's inability to form a government, will join a coalition under Labour.

Likud sources spoke disparagingly of Weizman as a "surrogate Linn and Peretz" - a reference to MKs Amnon Linn and Yitzhak Peretz, who crossed from Likud during the last Knesset and were given safe seats in the Alignment's list to the present Knesset.

There was also disquietude in Likud that Weizman had made his move without first informing Shamir.

And finally there was a still-nurtured hope that this was not the former Likud defence minister's last word. Energy Minister Yitzhak Modai spoke, contemptuously yet longingly, of "Weizman's inconsistency." Modai added that "in politics no positions are ever final positions."

There was no confirmation from Yahad that a parliamentary bloc, or a more far-reaching arrangement, has been made with the Alignment.

Independent observers speculated that Weizman might be envisioning the future leadership of a Labour-Liberal bloc as a direction for his political energies and aspirations. In post-election talks, he has failed to achieve a personal or political rapport with such Likud leaders as David Levy and Ariel Sharon, both of whom would have sought to block his path to the leadership of the Likud.

His political beliefs, especially regarding the stalled peace process, are closer to Labour's than to Likud's - and he must be aware of the concern within Labour over the dearth of charismatic frontline leadership in the party.

Labour meanwhile is understood to have reopened contacts with Shas - whether to ascertain if that party has shifted its stand in light of Weizman's shift, or whether to signal to the NRP that its position as the pivotal religious party could, theoretically, be threatened.

Minor held as suspect in watchman's murder

HOLON (Itim). - A 17½-year-old boy from Gaza has been arrested on suspicion of murdering a watchman, Ahmed Tala'a, 59, also of Gaza. Tala'a's body was found on Monday at a building site in the Neve Arazim neighbourhood in Holon. The police believe that Tala'a was stabbed to death during an argument that broke out after he refused to allow the boy to sleep at the site.

Eilat residents' boats returned from Egypt

EILAT (Itim). - The Egyptian authorities yesterday returned three boats belonging to Eilat residents who several months ago strayed into Egyptian territorial water and were arrested.

The owners were tried in Nuweiba, paid fines, and were returned to Israel, but the boats were held until now.

Leftist parties list conditions for support of Labour gov't

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Communist-dominated Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (DFPE) and the (Arab-Jewish) Progressive List for Peace (PLP) said yesterday that their support for an Alignment-led government cannot be taken for granted.

So far the Alignment had not approached them formally on support for a coalition.

PLP leader Knesset Member Mohammed Mi'arik and DFPE spokesman Uzi Burstein both made it clear that they do not envision their parties joining a coalition. The Zionist parties would not meet the far-reaching demands they would present for such widespread support, they said.

But they are willing in principle, to vote with a narrow Alignment-led coalition in votes of confidence in the Knesset.

Burstein said the DFPE would support a coalition that promised to withdraw from Lebanon "immediately" and to take economic steps favouring wage earners.

The general tone of Burstein's comments was that cost-of-living allowance should not be cut, the government should update income tax brackets and prices should be frozen.

Miari placed a higher price tag on his and MK Mattityahu Peled's votes: He wants a formal request from Labour and the formation of "negotiating teams to start talking."

The PLP wants the government to agree to attend an international conference on the Palestinian problem. "All parties should attend it," he said, in an obvious reference to the PLO.

Miari also wants the Emergency Regulations abolished. It was these regulations that the Defence Ministry cited when it considered banning the PLP before the election.

Measures should be taken to put Israel's Arabs on an equal footing with the Jews, Mi'arik said.

The DFPE's comments implied that it is eager to see a narrow Alignment-led government because it considers a national unity government - even if led by the Alignment - just as bad as a Likud-led coalition.

Settlers: Would be 'criminal' to favour 'PLO-backed gov't'

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District said yesterday that support for a coalition backed by the (Communist) Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and the Arab-Jewish Progressive List for Peace would be "a criminal...treacherous act."

In a strong statement issued at Ofra, northeast of Ramallah, the council appealed to the Labour Knesset members (except Yosef Sarid), MKs Binyamin Ben-Eliezer and Shlomo Amar of Yahad, and Yigael Hurvitz of Ometz "to save the State of Israel at this fateful moment."

Considering the PLP a PLO front, the council said: "A coalition supported by the PLO will decisively split the nation into two camps separated by a yawning abyss of hatred and alienation."

Anyone who joins Alignment leader Shimon Peres and Yahad party head Ezer Weizman in "this treacherous step will enter history as one who preferred sitting [in a coalition] with those who operate in accordance with orders from Moscow and Arafat to [sitting with] his own people," the statement said.

Support for such a coalition indicates a "preference for Palestine [the Arabic name of the historic Land of Israel] over Eretz Yisrael [the Jewish name]," it added.

SRI LANKA

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to prove it from time to time." Liyanage said. "But now the violence we face has taken on an aspect of international terrorism. Operations are being directed from outside our borders - particularly, as we maintain, from southern India."

"Indeed, recent bombings show a level of expertise not available in Sri Lanka or in India."

"This is an area in which we are not expert. So we have sought assistance from knowledgeable people."

Liyanage declined to say whether Sri Lanka had approached other governments before turning to Israel. He contended that since Sri Lanka was seeking from Israel "expertise, not manpower," India ought not to be perturbed.

He dismissed British press reports that Israelis have been somehow involved in recent excesses committed by government forces against Tamil villages. His government, he said, had no need or desire for assistance in such atrocities; on the contrary, it sought, not always successfully, to prevent them from happening.

As secretary of the Ministry of State, Liyanage's role in the Colombo government embraces that of chief censor and senior spokesman. He is also involved in ecology and tourism.

He acknowledged that Sri Lanka is under strong pressure from Arab countries because of its ties with Israel. "But we stand up to it. All the Arab states, and the PLO, have embassies in Colombo. There is no reason not to have equality with Israel."

In practice, though, Liyanage does not see the diplomatic ties with Israel rising to full embassy level in the near future. "The main thing," he said, "is that we have a basis for a dialogue, which was absent for the past 14 years. The dialogue will evolve around mutual assistance."

Liyanage, who for years was a senior rural administrator, said he was amazed by techniques of agriculture and irrigation he had been shown here.

Though his visit is private, he met with Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche, and toured the Volcani Institute and rural projects. He said he would report back to Colombo that Israeli expertise in arid-zone agriculture could certainly aid Sri Lankan farmers.

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attack on the Temple Mount, Hefetz insisted on meeting Turgeman and other senior officers to discuss the matter. He asked Turgeman to advise the inspector-general of what had happened. This contradicted Turgeman's testimony that he had initiated the meeting.

That afternoon (the day Ma'ariv published the report of the police blunder) Hefetz met with the Jerusalem Police chief charged with investigating the Lifta gang affair. Deputy team head Inspector Yosef Cohen was shocked when he saw the material concerning the Lifta gang that had been transferred to national headquarters more than a year earlier. Hefetz said Cohen, who testified last week, said that for six weeks, from the attempt to bomb the Temple Mount to the report about the blunder, no one had told the investigation team of the intentions of the Lifta gang.

The next day, Friday, Hefetz said he heard Interior Minister Yosef

Burg and Police Investigations chief Yehezkel Carthy's statements on the radio that the report was "groundless" and formed of "fragments of information." He said he then realized that the police were trying to cover up their blunder. In this angry mood, he said, he urged reporters who called him over the weekend to investigate the affair and confront the report already published. He did not, however, give them any information other than that published.

Asked whether he thought calling senior police officers "degenerates," "idiots" and "imbeciles" was fitting, Hefetz said he had apologized to Burg and offered to apologize to the inspector-general.

"I was very angry and spoke freely from my private telephone, in my own style. I speak to journalists often and am used to expressing myself freely to them, knowing that no one would publish things like that. I did not intend to call Southern District officers 'degenerates' nor do I think they are. I spoke privately and not for publication, and did not know that my telephone was being tapped," Hefetz said.

The hearing is to continue next month.

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and would develop ways to cope with Israel's occupation of Southern Lebanon.

Both Jumblatt and Berri, who serve in Karamah's national coalition government, have pledged to attend a cabinet session set for today under Jemayel. A decision is expected to be taken to lodge a complaint with the UN Security Council against what Karamah calls Israel's "repressive measures" in the southern part of Lebanon.

State and privately owned radio stations in Beirut said that Israel Air Force jets and gunboats staged two hours of war games yesterday along a 40-kilometre stretch of the South Lebanese coast between Sidon and Tyre.

Military spokesmen in Tel Aviv refused to comment on the report, which said jets staged repeated mock attacks on both cities. (AP, Reuters)

HISTADRUT

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that the brackets must be adjusted quarterly," the ministry added. Haberfeld accused the Treasury of "misleading" the workers with its establishment of a 20 per cent minimum tax bracket on the eve of the Knesset elections. The failure to revise the brackets now means that many workers will jump straight to the 30 per cent bracket, because the 25 per cent bracket has effectively disappeared, Haberfeld said.

Haberfeld added that he finds it difficult to understand how the Treasury can willfully invite industrial unrest for the sake of the ISS billion it hopes to save by not revising the tax brackets. The cost of the impending unrest will far exceed the sum, he predicted.

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Possible link between deaths of schoolgirls

By LIOBA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The police believe there may be a connection between the death of Miri Herzog, whose body was discovered recently in the sand dunes of Nueiba, and the death of her friend Maya Zinger, who was brutally murdered in Jerusalem last November.

A police source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that one theory they are pursuing is that Zinger's killer may have believed that Herzog knew his identity, and thus followed her into Sinai last May and killed her as well.

Herzog, 18, crossed into Sinai on May 29 and was not seen alive again by her family or friends. A body was found earlier this month, and on Monday Herzog's sister Orli Sofer, positively identified articles of clothing found near the remains as belonging to her sister. Egyptian policemen at Nueiba did not permit Sofer to examine the body, saying that since it was in such an advanced state of decay, they wished to spare

her feelings.

The body is to be returned to Israel shortly, and will likely be turned over to Herzog's family for burial. A police pathologist who has already seen the body said that he believes it likely that Herzog was murdered.

Herzog's parents have repeatedly said that since Miri Herzog frequently visited the Red Sea coast and had established good relations with the Beduin there, they do not believe Beduin are responsible for her death.

Herzog was a pupil at Jerusalem's Israel Goldstein Youth Village, where one of her classmates was Maya Zinger, 17. Zinger was found beaten and partially burned one night last November in Jerusalem's Ein Karem neighbourhood. She was rushed to nearby Hadassah Hospital, where she died from her injuries. Two suspects were held in connection with her death, but were subsequently released for lack of evidence.

4 held in robbery of Russian cleric

The Division Police say they have solved the highway robbery last June of White Russian Orthodox Church Archimandrite Anthony Grabbe. Four suspects, all from Lod, are being held, and the police believe they have enough evidence to bring them on trial.

The robbery occurred on the Jericho-Jerusalem highway, near the Nebi Musa Moslem shrine. On his way home from a visit to Jordan, the prelate's car was suddenly blocked by a van of the type used by the police. At gunpoint, the robbers took \$5,000, 700 Jordanian dinars and other items.

Battered husband appeals court's ruling

A battered husband has appealed to the High Court of Justice to invalidate a rabbinical court order, forbidding him to enter his apartment to visit his daughters. The High Court decided on Monday to have the appeal heard by a bench of three justices.

The man, Menahem Solimani, alleged that his wife, Malka, beat him, committed adultery and threw him out of their apartment. He also said that she tried to cheat him out of his property while he was hospitalized after a road accident.

Solimani, who represented himself in court, said that in 1978 the Tel Aviv District Court transferred the apartment to his wife's possession after it had been attached. In that hearing, Solimani was represented by an unlicensed lawyer, and the lawyer was tied and convicted.

On this charge, Solimani was told he could not appeal the court's decision.

At that time, Solimani worked at odd jobs and his physical and mental condition deteriorated, he said. All the while, his wife continued to persecute him by having his wages impounded. He added that his wife probably refuses to agree to a conciliation because she is not living alone. On the other hand, she refuses to agree to a divorce because she wants to keep on squeezing money out of him, he said.

"Nevertheless, I have taken pity on her and seek to regain her love," he said.

Solimani threatened to commit suicide if the High Court did not cancel the rabbinical court's order. (Itim)

Pensioners, too, must get bonuses, court rules

The National Labour Court yesterday ruled that special allowances won by state employees are an integral part of their salary, applicable to retired personnel as well as active workers.

The court upheld a lower-level decision in favour of Tax Department civil servants, who had won a special addition to their pay after arbitration of a dispute. But the state then granted the money only to

workers who had been actively employed when it came into effect, and not to pensioners.

In their ruling, the judges said that to deny pensioners the bonus would contravene the language and purpose of the law covering pensions for civil servants. Anything that becomes part of the regular salary for active workers must go to them as well, they declared. (Itim)

Haifa man loses bid to stop girlfriend's abortion

HAIFA (Itim). — The Haifa District Court yesterday refused to issue a restraining order after a local man sought to prevent a woman he made pregnant from getting an abortion. The court turned down the request because the man is not married to the woman.

The 26-year-old bachelor said he had been living with the woman, a divorcee with a three-year-old son, for about a year and was ready to marry her.

IS100m. allocated for teaching Arabic

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Education Ministry has allocated IS 100 million for expansion of Arabic studies in the coming school year.

Moshe Gargir, Inspector of Arabic Studies, said the money will be used for special courses for teachers to help them teach Arabic, for teaching aids, and for hiring specialized teachers.

Last year some 40,000 elementary-school pupils studied Arabic. The ministry hopes to double this number in the next year.

Sardines are running again off Israel coast

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The sardine fishermen are putting to sea again following the reappearance of the little fish in the Mediterranean after a long absence.

Nightly, except during the full moon, when the light-loving sardines ignore the powerful Lux lights that lure them into the nets, about 20 groups of six men each set out from Haifa, Acre and Jaffa, their trawlers backed up by rowboats that carry extra lights.

"We are landing seven to ten tons of sardines a night," Itamar Katz, secretary of the Fishermen's Union, told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The canneries pay IS158 per kilo, and the fresh-sardine market takes a small quantity at IS200 to IS250 per kilo, making it a good night's work.

The sardine season falls in spring and autumn, but in the past decade has become erratic, with catches at less than half the over-2,000 tons annually of previous decades. Last spring, for instance, no sardines at all were caught.

Some fishermen blame the Aswan High Dam. But one expert says: "It's not the Egyptian dam but the damn Israeli import policies that have done the harm."

He said that since the government permitted the canneries to import

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Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek cuts the ribbon to open a new road for residents of the Arab section of the Abu Tor quarter, who shared the cost of its construction with the municipality. (Rahamin Israeli)

Local authorities blame ministries

Money shortage may delay school opening

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Union of Local Authorities fears the school year may not open on time because of budgetary problems, its chairman, Pinchas Eilon, said yesterday. Eilon charged that the Finance Ministry owes local authorities more than IS3 million, that the Housing Ministry has built only a few dozen of the more than 300 classrooms that were to have been built, and that the Education Ministry is reimbursing

local authorities for educational services at rates that inflation has rendered obsolete.

"We have no intention," of deliberately keeping the schools closed in protest," he said but the combination of all the problems I have mentioned, and a few more, could create a situation where we will simply be unable to open the schools. We are trying to make a last-minute effort to finish building, painting and maintenance work, but we cannot do it without money and the ministries

involved will all have to do their share."

Eilon and his colleagues spent over an hour with Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday.

"He promised to bring the matter before the other relevant ministries, and before the cabinet if necessary," Eilon said.

Eilon denied that the local authorities woke up to the problem only at the last moment, saying that they have been warning and pleading for months.

Zamir defends ruling on Burg as Speaker

By DAVID MANDEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday responded with sarcasm to accusations by Likud-Liberal Knesset member Yitzhak Segher that he has been improperly interfering in the Knesset's business.

Segher, apparently peeved by Zamir's strongly worded opinion on the propriety of a cabinet minister's serving as temporary Speaker of the Knesset, called the attorney-general "a low-level government clerk." Zamir replied that "even a low-level clerk must appear before a Knesset committee and offer his opinion if asked to do so."

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, of the National Religious Party, presided over last week's first session of the 11th Knesset by virtue of being its oldest member. He is now resigning the chair to the next oldest MK, Labour's Abba Eban, who is much more aggressively trying to convene the house, elect a permanent Speaker and get down to business. Herut, and the Liberals, had

preferred to wait until a coalition was formed.

Zamir has also now opined that Eban enjoys the full powers of Knesset speaker and may call the House into session.

"Segher accused me of giving Knesset members high and low marks for their behaviour," Zamir continued. "But I did not do so and shall not now either," he concluded, declining further personal comment on the minor storm stirred up by his former student at the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty.

To set the record straight, Zamir noted that his opinion on Burg's position had been sought by four bodies: Knesset Steering Committee Chairman Moshe Shahal, who invited him to appear; the High Court of Justice, in response to a petition on the subject by the Progressive List for Peace; former Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor; and Burg himself.

Nor was there anything unusual in his appearing before the committee or expressing his views when asked.

Zamir added. This has been done by every attorney-general since the state's establishment. The Knesset as a whole does not have its own legal counsel, though several of its committees do.

The attorney-general is also far from a "minor clerk." The Hebrew title, an "unsuccessful translation" according to Zamir, is "legal adviser to the government." But this conceals one of his twin functions — supervisor of the state legal representatives on all levels, including the state attorney.

Yesterday's was not the first Segher-Zamir run-in. In 1982, the MK was subjected to scathing criticism by the attorney-general for advocating that the Kahan Commission of inquiry into the Sabra-Shatilla massacres be disbanded because it dared to investigate the functioning of ministers. Had he not enjoyed parliamentary immunity, Zamir said, Segher could have been prosecuted for a breach of the rules of sub judice.

Telltale teeth marks lead to rape suspect

Telltale teeth marks on a man's shoulder led to his arrest on Monday night in Jerusalem as a suspected rapist.

A British tourist, aged 22, complained to the police that while on the way to her hostel in the Old City that evening, a man grabbed her from behind, threw her to the ground and tried to rip off her clothes.

But when she bit into his shoulder, he screamed with pain and fled.

The description the woman gave the police led them to a Beit Safafa man, aged 24, who has reportedly confessed and is being detained. (Itim)

First-century caskets given to Haifa museum

Two limestone caskets from the first century have been donated to the Haifa Museum of Ancient Art.

The caskets, covered with a circle in the middle of which is a three-petaled rose, will go on display in the near future. They were donated by Sarah Solomon.

Drivers must anticipate recklessness

Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar last week ruled that drivers are obliged to anticipate reckless behaviour by pedestrians whom they see walking in an unsafe manner in the street.

Shamgar ruled this in rejecting permission for a second appeal by Yehoshua Mesilati, convicted by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court of negligently causing the death of a man who also contributed to the accident by his own negligence.

The pedestrian was found to have crossed the street in front of Mesilati's car on the diagonal, in a zig-zag fashion as if he were drunk. As the

car came closer, he then suddenly turned back into the street again, and was hit.

The defendant was found guilty because he was travelling at 55 kilometres an hour, whereas the legal limit was 50, and on the basis of testimony by an eyewitness, who said she had covered her eyes at the last minute because she saw what was coming.

Mesilati was sentenced by the Magistrates Court to seven months in prison and eight more suspended. This had been reduced by the Tel Aviv District Court to three months plus seven suspended. (Itim)

Controversy over IS14.5b. budget

Meeting with Interior Min. soon over Haifa's finances

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Representatives of the Haifa municipality and the Interior Ministry are to meet soon to discuss all aspects of the city's controversial IS14.5 billion budget for the 1984/5 fiscal year.

The meeting has been arranged in the wake of the ministry's order that the municipality cut its budget by nearly a third. The ministry warned that failure to do so would result in the city facing an "insoluble economic crisis."

City Hall issued a statement last night saying that the municipality had reached an agreement with the ministry to check all matters relating to the budget.

The spokesman agreed, however, that there was disagreement between the two sides over the size of the budget.

He emphasized that cuts totalling IS3.8b. had already been made in both the regular and the development budgets. The reductions had been made in line with the ministry's guidelines to save money and streamline services, he said.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the municipality is in the process of cutting its work force of 4,000, and

an unspecified number of dismissals are in the offing.

Only two development projects — renovation of the Kiryat Eliezer sports stadium and the construction of a Yad Labanim memorial centre — have been put forward this year because of its financial situation.

Despite these measures, however, the Interior Ministry is insisting that the city cut its regular budget by a further IS4.5b. This will be the main point of contention when the representatives of the two sides meet in the next few days.

Meanwhile, Kiryat Ata's striking municipal employees intensified their action yesterday by shutting off the water for short periods.

The spokeswoman said they were also planning to stage a protest demonstration outside government offices in Jerusalem. Some of the employees were even threatening to go on a hunger strike, she said.

The workers, who are protesting against the non-payment of their July salaries, have been on strike since August 9.

The Interior Ministry yesterday vowed it would give Kiryat Ata no more money, and charged that the municipality had failed in managing the town.

Favouritism alleged in loans to farmers

Jerusalem Post Staff

Dozens of farmers closely associated with Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper received loans from a hitherto unknown fund just before last month's Knesset election, according to the Moshav Movement's economic committee coordinator Yair Tzafir.

In a statement issued by the movement yesterday, Grupper is accused of approving the loans, in a total of IS82 million, at a July 19 meeting in his office also attended by his aide, Nahum Damati, and by the ministry's development and investment section director, Misha Lugin. Some of the recipients allegedly got their money before the election, and others several days later.

Tzafir charged that Grupper deviated from accepted practice, according to which loan applications are checked by the Agriculture Ministry's regional offices, and only if found to be justified are they passed on to the main office.

This time, he said, Grupper for the first time personally passed out money described by the minister as coming from a "supplementary deduction fund."

Earlier this week, a delegation of farmers met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, complaining to him about what they called Grupper's improper methods. They demanded that Grupper be replaced if the Likud forms the next government.

Tel Aviv sex offender charged again

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Prosecutors have asked that 59-year-old Daniel Granot, who is charged with forcibly committing indecent acts on, and having sexual intercourse with, a minor, be remanded for the duration of his trial in the Tel Aviv District Court.

Tel Aviv District prosecutor Dvora Hen cited Granot's previous criminal record in making the request. Granot, who is known as the "Porno Photographer," was convicted on similar charges in 1982 and sentenced to two years in prison.

Granot's attorney, Zvi Lidsky, requested a few days to study the charges against his client. Judge Shaul Aloni declared a recess until next Sunday, ordering Granot held at least until then.

The prosecution charged that Granot advertised for young women to model for erotic pictures he said he painted and exported. Some of the women, who were promised IS5,000 for modelling, were allegedly sexually molested by Granot, who Hen said is not a painter.

Religious Min. wonders about hospital funds

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Religious Affairs Ministry officials yesterday expressed their surprise and shock at the fact that some IS90 million of the ministry's budget had been earmarked for hospitals.

The funds are part of the special allocations for religious institutions provided by the coalition agreement with Agudat Yisrael. Although the funds are channeled through the ministry, it has no control over them.

Senior ministry officials said yesterday that they had no warning that the allocations were to be made

by the Knesset Finance Committee and that the Religious Ministry was, in effect, channelling money to another ministry, the Health Ministry.

The hospitals benefiting from the allocations are Bikur Holim in Jerusalem, Laniado in Netanya and an as yet unnamed hospital being built in Bnei Brak.

WHITE RHINO. — A white rhinoceros was born this week in the Safari Park in Ramat Gan, weighing 40 kilos. It is the third white rhino to be born in the park.

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Confident Republicans slam Mondale

DALLAS (Reuters). — United and supremely confident, the Republican Party has begun its coronation-style celebration to renominate President Ronald Reagan with a fierce attack on his rival, Democrat Walter Mondale.

The only suspense as the Republicans went into the second day of their national convention yesterday was what terms they might come up with next to deride Mondale. On Monday, he was described as "a born loser" and "a man with nothing to offer a successful America."

Reagan, who will not appear at the convention until Thursday, was hailed as a saviour — a man who keynote speaker U.S. Treasurer Katherine Ortega said had brought the country "from the shame of American students in Grenada."

She told the cheering 2,235 convention delegates: "We have come from the weak leadership of the Carter-Mondale administration to the strength of the Reagan-Bush administration."

No speaker mentioned the financial troubles besetting Mondale's vice-presidential running mate, Geraldine Ferraro, but it was the Number 1 topic at the convention center following her announcement in Washington that she and her husband owned \$53,000 in back taxes.

Political leaders closest to the president, including Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada, pinned the blame for her troubles on Mondale.

"I hope this woman survives."

said Laxalt, adding: "My heart goes out to her... She and her people have been badly served by the Mondale campaign. They are the experts in the field of national politics."

But Laxalt added that whether she survives depends on cold, political reality.

Privately, many delegates rejoiced that her problems no longer made her the formidable figure she seemed when she was nominated as the first woman to run for vice-president on a major party ticket.

Again and again, speakers recalled the former vice-president had served under Carter, drubbed by Reagan in the 1980 election and whose record included soaring inflation and the Iran hostage crisis of 1979-81.

"Who can forget the humiliation of the late 1970s and who would want that bunch back?" said party chairman Frank Fahrenkopf. "Mondale's principal advisers today are the same

Carter people who gave us all that doom and desperation." Senate majority leader Howard Baker also scorned Mondale, saying: "Misery has become very important to (him). When he's in office he creates it. When he's out he invents it. The only rescue America has needed lately was from Carter and Mondale in 1980."

Jean Kirkpatrick, ambassador to the UN and a nominal Democrat, attacked her party on Reagan's behalf.

"They said saving Grenada from totalitarianism was the wrong thing to do," she said, referring to the U.S. invasion of the Caribbean Island last year. "They always blame America first."

Kirkpatrick and Ortega were among a number of prominent women given key convention roles to combat "the Ferraro factor" and persistent criticisms of feminists on the Democratic side.

Ferraro defends financial dealings

NEW YORK (Reuters). — Democratic Vice-Presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro yesterday defended her financial dealings, saying she did nothing wrong and had in public life deliberately kept her finances separate from her husband's.

She also said she had high hopes that her financial affairs would not damage the prospects of getting running mate Walter Mondale elected president.

Ferraro spoke at a packed press

conference after a week of intense controversy over her finances and those of her husband, real-estate broker John Zaccaro.

"At no time did I violate any public trust," she said. Ferraro yesterday paid \$53,459 in back taxes.

The records showed that the New York congressman and her husband, a real-estate broker, were multi-millionaires and had underpaid their 1978 tax bill.



Photographers surround Konrad Kujau (centre), the confessed forger of the Hitler diaries at a Hamburg court yesterday. Kujau and former Stern reporter Gerd Heidemann are on trial for forging the diaries and selling them for DM 9.34 million (\$3.2 million) to the magazine. See story below. (UPI telephoto)

Half a million rally in Manila in pro-Aquino demonstration

MANILA (AP). — A crowd of protesters estimated by the police to number 450,000 marched to a park yesterday where it formed one of the biggest anti-government rallies in memory and sparked an unauthorized public holiday on the first anniversary of opposition leader Benigno Aquino's assassination.

The official estimate came from Manila's police chief, General Narciso Cabrera. Rally organizers claimed up to 1 million participants, which would match the turnout for Aquino's funeral 10 days after his assassination last August 21.

Business and schools closed and streets were blocked for hours as protesters shouting the slain opposition leader's nickname, "Ninoy, Ninoy," converged from all directions.

Riot policemen, who, along with the entire military, were put on special alert, stayed away following a Saturday Supreme Court order special alert, stayed away following a Saturday Supreme Court order allowing the demonstrations and warning the police not to interfere.

Captain home from Spanish Civil War

BURJASOT, Spain (AP). — A former captain in the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War, believed by his family to have died in the war, received a warm welcome home yesterday when he returned to this eastern Spanish city.

Jose Navarro Ruiz, 74, who fought with the losing Republican troops against the late Francisco Franco's forces, was recently found in a mental institution in the Algerian town of Mascara suffering from amnesia. He had fled to Algeria after the war.

Navarro Ruiz arrived in Madrid from Algiers early Monday. He was later welcomed by an estimated 1,000 people in this town of 30,000 inhabitants near Valencia on Spain's east coast.

His 84-year-old wife, Josefina, his 49-year-old daughter Josefina, and his stepson, Luis Sanchez, also attended the welcome.

The former army captain, who still thinks he is living in 1953, was discovered by a Spanish doctor during a recent visit to the mental institution. Navarro Ruiz was amazed at his arrival in Madrid to find that Franco was dead and that Spain has a king and a Socialist government.

Passenger missing in U.S. cruise-ship fire

MIAMI (AP). — One woman was missing yesterday after an electrical fire sent smoke billowing through the decks of a cruise ship, injuring 31 persons and causing panicked passengers to knock over others fleeing the blaze. Officials and passengers said.

The fire aboard the Scandinavian Sun, which carried 738 people, was reported at 11:16 p.m. Monday (0316 GMT) and was under control an hour later.

Passengers said they first saw smoke and flames as the 134 metre ship of Bahamian registry was docking at the end of the one-day cruise to Grand Bahama Island.

The blaze spread to two decks above the engine room, but no one was on either deck at the time.

Election opponents said arrested in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — The police yesterday detained an under-estimated number of opponents of today's elections in which persons of mixed blood are to select representatives to a separate chamber of the all-white parliament, the victims' families and organizations said.

A spokesman at national police headquarters in Pretoria denied knowing of any arrests, but said yesterday that such information would reach his office only later in the day from police stations around the country.

Opponents of the three-chambered system say it entrenches white-minority rule and leaves the nation's majority, 22 million blacks, still without political rights such as the vote, freedom of movement and land ownership. More than half of South Africa's 2.7 million coloureds are expected to join the boycott.

Mrs. Khrushchev dies

MOSCOW (AP). — Nina Petrovna Khrushchev, widow of the ousted Soviet ruler Nikita Khrushchev, has died, a Communist Party official said yesterday.

An official at the Leninsky region branch of Moscow's Communist Party told the Associated Press by telephone that Mrs. Khrushchev, who was born in 1900, died the night of August 8-9.

sensation in April 1983 when it announced that he had tracked down 60 diaries handwritten by the Nazi dictator.

Stern paid DM9.3 million (\$3.1 million) for the diaries, which if genuine might have led historians to revise accounts of Hitler's war. Britain's Sunday Times newspaper bought British and Commonwealth rights for \$400,000.

About DM6 million (\$2.1m.) is still missing since Stern allowed experts to examine the diaries in the controversy about their authenticity. The diaries purported to reveal that Hitler deliberately let a trapped British expeditionary force escape from the French port of Dunkirk in 1940 and that he encouraged his deputy Rudolf Hess to fly to Britain

on an abortive peace mission in 1941. Prosecutors allege that Heidemann pocketed DM1.7 million (\$600,000) of Stern's money and Kujau, DM1.6 million (\$550,000).

Heidemann, nicknamed "the nose" by Stern, denies making any financial gain from the affair. His lawyer has accused the magazine of failing to submit the diaries to scientific scrutiny in order to ensure a journalistic scoop.

Heidemann's lawyer Reinhard Damm said the three professional judges and three lay magistrates could not conduct a fair trial because of television and magazine interviews given by Kujau implying that Heidemann was the main culprit in the hoax.

Rama Rao challenges dismissal

NEW DELHI (AP). — The deposed opposition ruler of Andhra Pradesh state, challenging his dismissal by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government, paraded about 160 state deputies before President Zail Singh yesterday to prove he still controls a legislative majority.

Meanwhile, policemen opened fire at two places to scatter rioting demonstrators during the daylong general strike in Andhra Pradesh.

At least one rioter was killed and six were wounded. Accompanied by about 160 state lawmakers who had declared themselves loyal, and cheered on by hundreds of other well-wishers, ailing, 60-year-old N.T. Rama Rao rode to and from his meeting with Singh at the presidential palace in a wheelchair.

At the conclusion of the 1 1/2 hour meeting, the popular cinema-hero-turned-politician made no formal statement. But, as he was loaded into an ambulance, he told a reporter: "He (Singh) will do justice."

Rao and his supporters had presented the president with a petition signed by at least 161 members of the 295-seat Andhra Pradesh assembly, condemning Rama Rao's dismissal last Thursday as unconstitutional and demanding his reinstatement.

As Rama Rao and his backers met Singh, the controversy erupted in the parliament meeting across the street. One member of Gandhi's party bolted to the opposition in protest against Rama Rao's dismissal, United News of India reported.

Gandhi broke her silence on the Rama Rao affair by denying that her administration had influenced or engineered the dismissal of his government, or that it was toppling any opposition state governments, as charged by her critics.

His was the third opposition-controlled state government to be dismissed by Gandhi's administration in three months. Critics charge that Gandhi is acting to strengthen her political base for elections later this year.

Miners held in more clashes with UK police

LONDON (AP). — The authorities made 69 arrests yesterday as hundreds of striking British coal miners fought with policemen protecting a handful of rebels returning to work at mines in northern England and Scotland.

A National Coal Board (NCB) spokesman said about 55,000 of the National Union of Mineworkers' 183,000 members were at work, but the union insisted the figure remained steady at around 45,000.

With the walkout over threatened mining-pit closures now in its 24th week, the NCB said its campaign for a return to work was gaining momentum.

The strike, launched March 12 to protest against the state-run Coal Board's plan to close 20 money-losing mines and shed 20,000 jobs, has idled three quarters of Britain's 175 mines.

Libyan shot in London

LONDON (Reuters). — The body of a wealthy Libyan businessman who was apparently shot to death while out on bail pending trial in connection with guerrilla attacks here was found yesterday in a West End flat, the police reported.

A police spokesman refused to comment on speculation that 45-year-old Ali al-Ghahour had been killed by a Libyan death squad but said: "We do believe al-Ghahour was lured to the flat where he died by his assassin."

Al-Ghahour was charged with conspiracy to cause explosions after five bombs went off in March at Arab targets in London, one of them injuring 23 persons in a crowded club.

Liberian professor held

MONROVIA (Reuters). — Monrovia Radio yesterday accused a detained university professor of plotting with foreign backing to overthrow the government of Liberian leader Samuel Doe.

The radio, citing an official communique issued Monday night, said Amos Sawyer, professor of political science at the University of Liberia, had planned to force Doe to resign by sowing chaos with a series of bomb attacks.

Hitler diaries trial adjourned for week

HAMBURG (Reuters). — The trial of two men accused of conspiring to create the forged diaries of Adolf Hitler was surprisingly adjourned yesterday for one week.

After less than an hour's proceedings on the opening day, presiding Judge Hans-Ulrich Schroeder abruptly announced that the court would recess until August 28 while the six judges examined a defence contention that because of previous publicity they were not qualified to give one of the defendants, journalist Gerd Heidemann, a fair trial.

Heidemann, 51, and Nazi memorabilia dealer Konrad Kujau, 45, are charged with fraud. Kujau has already confessed to forging the diaries.

Heidemann's former employer, Stern magazine, caused a worldwide

Sports

World records tumble at Moscow meet

MOSCOW (AP). — Sergei Zabotnov of the Soviet Union broke American Rick Carey's 200-metre backstroke swimming world record here yesterday, clocking 1 minute, 58.41 seconds. Carey's previous world-record time was 1:58.93.

It was the first swimming world record set at the Friendship '84 games in Moscow.

The East German women's team, paced by Kristin Otto, later set a world record in the 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay, with a time of 3 minutes, 42.41 seconds.

The Soviet Union came in second at 3:44.31, well ahead of its own national record set in 1982 at 3:48.50.

Another world record went in the individual 3-kilometre cycling race. Nadezhda Kibardina set a new mark of 3:58.03.

Meanwhile, at the international meet in Budapest, Hungary Carl Lewis breezed to a win in the 100 metre.

Lewis, the four-time gold winner at Los Angeles, was clocked at 10.05, 0.22 seconds ahead of Hungary's Artur Kovacs but well short of American Calvin Smith's 1983 world record of 9.93. Lewis was mobbed shortly after his victory by photographers and autograph-seeking children.

The 23-year-old's run was 0.06 seconds under the time that brought him Olympic gold in Los Angeles. His performance was indicative of those of other favorites at the meet, who won with results well below their best.

National record goes at swim championship

By PAUL KOHN

Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Eighteen-year-old Tal Mashkiff of Maccabi Haifa was the first swimmer to break a national record in the swimming championships being held at the Wingate Institute in Netanya this week.

Mashkiff set a new mark of 1:01.55 in the 100 metres backstroke, beating his own previous record of 1:02.20.

Hadar Kleiman of Maccabi Kiryat Ono swam the 200 metres medley in 2:30.56. Other good results were Yohai Lipsitz's win in the 400 metres freestyle in 4:06.77 and Olympic swimmer Yoram Cohavi's 200 metre medley win in 2:10.70.

McEnroe cruises to Toronto title

Jerusalem Post Staff
World number one John McEnroe scored a straight sets win over fellow American Vitas Gerulaitis on Sunday to take the Toronto Grand Prix title.

He won 6-3, 6-0 in a disappointingly one-sided final that contrasted sharply with the previous day's semi-final clashes in which McEnroe beat Jimmy Connors and Gerulaitis put out South African Kevin Carr.

Gymnasts won't go

Post Sports Reporter
Hapoel chief Yitzhak Ofek yesterday vetoed the planned trip of six Israeli gymnasts to South Africa.

Ofek returned last week from the Olympic Games where the Israeli showing in gymnastics was disappointing. He explained his decision followed a Hapoel ruling forbidding the club's athletes from participating in sports in South Africa.

Tottenham signs soccer's 'fastest man'

LONDON (Reuters). — Big-spending Tottenham Hotspur have signed Nigerian international winger John Chidozie from Notts County in time to join their defence of the UEFA Cup.

The English first division club paid £375,000 for the winger this week, just before the European transfer deadline.

Chidozie, 24, described by one British daily as "reckoned to be the fastest man in the game," will be eligible for Tottenham's opening UEFA cup match against Sporting Braga of Portugal next month.

The London club won the cup last season, beating Anderlecht of Belgium on penalties in the final.

Kenyan takes marathon

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters). — Si-meon Kigen, a 23-year-old Kenyan who attends Mississippi State University, on Monday won the eighth annual San Francisco marathon in a course record of two hours 10 minutes and 17 seconds.

Kigen, a former collegiate champion steeplechaser, had been selected to represent his native country in Los Angeles as a marathoner. However, one week before the start of the games he was removed from the team.

Ton up for Caithen

YORK, England (AP). — American jockey Steve Caithen chalked up his 100th winner of the English flat racing season here yesterday as he rode Cormorant Wood to victory in the \$140,000 Benson and Hedges Gold Cup.

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THE JEWISH CONNECTION

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW YORK Senator Daniel P. Moynihan did not initiate the bill to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem in order to get Jewish votes, or because he was asked to do so by Israel.

His motivation, according to his aide Dr. David Luchins, now visiting Israel, was his concern that the Soviets and their Arab clients are trying to delegitimize Israel and turn it into a pariah state.

Luchins, who teaches political science at Touro College in New York, also works as the senator's Jewish liaison and assistant for Democratic politics. The 36-year-old Orthodox Jew has been active in the fight for the Jerusalem Law, which so far has the support of over 50 senators and a majority of those in the House of Representatives.

Israel's enemies, he explains, know they cannot defeat it on the battlefield, and so they are concentrating their efforts on making it illegitimate in world affairs. Luchins says that Moynihan was surprised to find American Jews apathetic on the issue. "They do not take the UN seriously," he says. But "words are very dangerous," and attempts to delegitimize Israel—since the Zionists equals racism resolution at the UN nearly a decade ago—should be fought in every arena.

Not a single country has cut off relations with Israel because of the UN resolution, he continues, thus the Soviet Union and the Arab states have decided to focus on Jerusalem. Luchins accompanied Moynihan to New Delhi some time ago, where they attended a conference of "non-aligned" nations. One of the resolutions passed was that West Jerusalem was "under Arab sovereignty." Luchins says the senator was

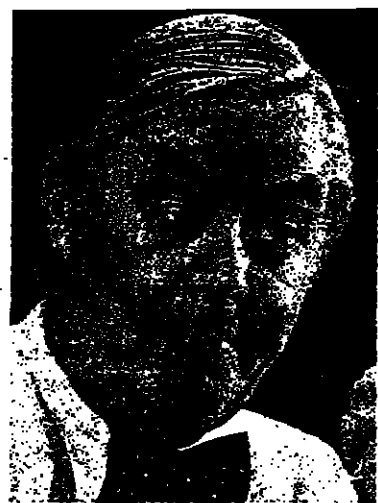
very upset by this ganging up against Israel.

The senator's staff met and Moynihan decided to press for legislation that would require the embassy to be moved from Tel Aviv; he had previously insisted that it be a plank in the 1976 Democratic platform. Luchins, who has been very active in gaining support for the bill, calls it "my baby."

"We didn't do it to get Jewish votes," Luchins comments, explaining that Moynihan already gets a large percentage of Jewish votes in New York State, and that he still has five more years until he runs for re-election.

"Some people were upset that the bill wasn't cleared first with the Israel government," says Luchins. "But why should it? It isn't a particularly Jewish issue. It's a matter of our own integrity." What if, in a few years, Israel's enemies initiate another UN resolution, this time demanding that Israel withdraw from Jerusalem, and if the country refuses, trade with Israel be stopped. "How could the U.S. fight such a resolution if it itself had not recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital?"

Despite his promotion of the bill, Moynihan has never held a press conference announcing majority and bi-partisan support for it. Luchins says the senator decided to be low-key. "He simply sat back and waited for the State Department people to count noses and realize how much support we had." Meanwhile, "Israel has had the good sense to keep out of it, unlike Arab nations that have openly condemned the



Daniel Moynihan (Rubinger)

legislation," he adds. LUCHINS, who made a long-distance call to Washington during the interview, cannot reveal anything about negotiations between Moynihan and administration officials on the Jerusalem Law. However, he was prepared to admit that Moynihan will not make a deal giving increased economic assistance to Israel in exchange for dropping the bill. "I have enough faith in Moynihan to believe that he will not agree to a tradeoff that could run counter to his goals," Luchins says. "But there are many compromises that would satisfy us."

Luchins, born in Brooklyn, and the son of Orthodox college professors, has also lived in Montreal, Oregon, Miami and Albany before returning to New York City to study

at Yeshiva University. There he received rabbinical ordination, but he does not call himself a rabbi as he doesn't have a pulpit.

He first became involved in politics as a representative of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations at the White House Conference on Youth in 1972. Activists for both Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon approached the young man and asked him to work on their campaign. Luchins liked Humphrey who saw his black velvet kippa and asked, "Do you wear that all the time?" Assured that he did, Humphrey commented, "People who do that have integrity." Humphrey failed to win the Democratic nomination, and Luchins did not feel comfortable about working for George McGovern, who did win. So he decided instead to work for a committee of Democrats for Nixon. Through Humphrey, Luchins got to know Moynihan, who hired him.

LUCHINS WAS Moynihan's representative at the recent Democratic National Convention in San Francisco. His orthodoxy has never been a barrier, he says. On the 17th of Tammuz, a fast day, Luchins wanted to leave the giant auditorium to pray *mincha*, but he decided against it when he saw that Jesse Jackson was getting up to speak. It wouldn't have looked right for a religious Jew to get up and leave at that moment. So instead, he prayed at his seat in the hall.

Luchins claims that the Louis Farrakhan issue, in which the Jackson supporter made remarks against

Israel and the Jews, in fact helped American Jewry. "It reminded them how much in the gutter anti-Semitism is. Farrakhan took off the gloves; he reminded everyone where anti-Semitism comes from and where it can reach. It took anti-Semitism out of the three-piece business suit."

He adds however that many blacks who supported Jackson for the nomination did so not because they were against Jews, but because Jackson was black, gave them pride and stood up to the system.

Luchins has declined to work for Mondale because he is busy enough with his teaching and with Moynihan. But he supports the Democratic presidential candidate, and has voluntarily written advertisements in the Jewish press for the Mondale-Ferraro campaign.

He has few kind words for Reagan.

He believes that Mondale has a good chance of beating Reagan, and that the Jewish vote will be split between the Democrats and the Republicans in nearly the same percentages as it was in recent elections.

Luchins says he has never had a problem with the possibility of dual loyalty. "I believe in a pluralistic mosaic. By being a good Jew, I am a better American. Thank God, the interests of the two countries, Israel and the U.S., coincide."

It was Luchins' Jewish identity that brought him to Jerusalem for his 11th visit. He was invited here as a guest lecturer by Yeshivat Aish Hatorah. He has used the opportunity to speak to Israeli leaders, including President Chaim Herzog and several members of the Knesset, to feel the pulse about issues on the agenda in the presidential campaign.



From left: David Rubin, Musia Gershenman, Tania Ipp, Miriam Krakinsky and Yohanan Fein at a tree-planting ceremony in honour of the Paulavicius family at Yad Vashem.

Salute to a saviour

By MORDECHAI PALDIEL / Special to The Jerusalem Post

OF THE many rescue stories received by the Department for the Righteous among the Nations at Yad Vashem, the case of Jonas Paulavicius is unique.

A carpenter by trade, Paulavicius lived in Panemune, Lithuania, near the Niemen river with his wife Antonia and two children. He was employed as a railroad worker refurbishing sleeping wagons and he used the experience thus gained to devise underground rooms in his spare time, to shelter the fleeing Jews who were roaming the Lithuanian countryside.

Paulavicius' worthy actions might have begun when, at the request of his son Kestutis, he agreed to shelter the 14-year-old Yohanan Fein, who played the violin, and so impressed the young Kestutis, who heard him at school concerts, that he urged his father to save a future "Paganini."

Fein's sister, then in the Kovno ghetto with the boy, was apprehensive when approached by Paulavicius outside the ghetto. Unsure of that strange man's intentions at first, and of his offer of refuge for a boy he had never met before, she later consented, taking the necessary precautions in the event that the offer was insincere or worse—an invitation to a trap. Once in their home, Fein was treated by the Paulavicius as their own son. Later, with the increasing danger of detection (a major bridge spanning the Niemen river and carrying German military traffic was within a stone's throw of the home), the boy was hidden in the attic.

Another couple sheltered in the Paulavicius home was the Shames family (now in South America), including their four-year-old son. Shames was asked to bring "professional persons" to their home so that the "Jewish people would not lack a trained elite" needed to restore a vibrant community life once the war was over.

And so, Shames brought him Chaim and Tania Ipp, both practicing physicians. At first, Ipp demurred, suspecting a trap. "My husband," Tania recalls, "could not imagine that a Lithuanian would do it only for the sake of saving Jews"—asking for no compensation in return.

The group sheltered in the Paulavicius' home were then joined by Musia and Moshe Gershenman, Miriam Krakinsky, David Rubin and others. Rubin recalled how Paulavicius used to place himself in strategic spots in the city where Jews were likely to pass in their flight, and then offer to help them. Having fled a deportation in 1944, Rubin sought to cross the river Niemen and eventually join the advancing Russians, when he saw a man in a boat at the river crossing point. That man was Paulavicius, who persuaded him that with the German troops milling around, it was better to seek shelter than cross a river.

Miriam Krakinsky was also fortunate enough to evade the Germans while crossing a bridge together with a large group of Jews on their way to deportation in July 1944. She relates that, having distanced herself somewhat from the Germans, she noticed a man in a boat following her alongside the river. He offered to help her, but fearing that he might be an informer, seeking to capitalize on receiving compensation from the Germans for turning in a Jewish escapee, she categorically rejected his offer. He was insistent, however, cautioning her that the Germans in their retreat were shooting civilians who, as Krakinsky, had no identification documents with them.

The Paulavicius family saved a total of 24 persons—12 Jews, 12 Russian and Lithuanian fleeing war prisoners and partisans in other locations. Survivors recount how at times, Paulavicius had to travel great distances in order to buy food for his large group, so as not to arouse suspicion by buying too large quantities of food in places nearer his home.

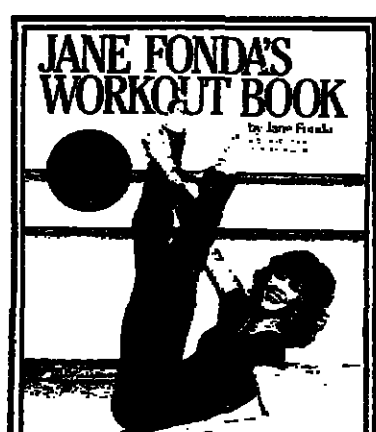
What was it that motivated Paulavicius, simple, unemployed, of modest means, to perform such noble deeds in a country where hatred of Jews ran as deep among the people as it did with the SS soldiers?

It is difficult to give a clear-cut answer to this perplexing question. At a recent gathering of survivors at the home of the Gershenmans, (both sheltered by Paulavicius) they told me that he was leftist-inclined before and during the war, and was known to be in touch with Soviet partisans operating in the nearby woods. Paulavicius used to talk in a low voice and was given to long spells of silence. However there were times when he could sit up with his group late into the night lifting their spirits and cheerfully encouraging them to look forward to their speedy liberation, which he would say, was close at hand. Perhaps, one survivor surmised, in his deed of saving Jews he saw a way of resisting the Germans.

Krakinsky recalls that Paulavicius held the Jews in high regard having once remarked to her, "You are from the family that epitomizes the highest humanity." After the war, Paulavicius prided himself on having saved so many Jews, and was dubbed (derisively) "the Father of the Jews." This eventually led to his assassination by left-over pro-Nazi groups who would not forgive him the "sin" of saving Jews.

However, before that tragic event, Paulavicius was able to perform one more noble deed for his Jewish friends. In 1946, he provided money (to bribe border guards) and provisions to facilitate their journey out of Russian-controlled territory, to Eretz Yisrael. Before parting, he cautioned them to be careful. A mother's love for her newborn babe, he explained, is largely due to having given birth at great pains to herself. He felt as a mother towards these people, for they had been reborn and given a new lease on life, through him and with great suffering on his part.

The survivors are now seeking ways to bring the good news of Yad Vashem's recognition of Paulavicius as a "righteous gentile" to his son, Kestutis, who is known to be still residing somewhere in Lithuania, and perhaps bring him to Israel for a moving reunion with those his father afforded a new life.



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Charting new territory

By MARTIN H. MILLER / Special to The Jerusalem Post

THE CENTRAL Intelligence Agency, which "correlates and evaluates intelligence relating to the national security" for the United States government, has stopped depicting Judea and Samaria as an integral part of Jordan. For the first time since the Six Day War, Judea and Samaria are not presented in CIA maps and text as Jordan's in perpetuity.

The change appears in the new edition of the agency's annual *World Factbook*. The 1983 edition—for the first time—presented a map of Jordan (without Judea and Samaria) but continued, in its text, to include the land, people, and the pre-1967 Jordanian districts, or governorates, as part of Jordan.

The CIA change marks the culmination of an extensive effort by this writer to move the U.S. Department of State to apply to the maps and written descriptions of Israel and the administered areas the same standards it applied to Jordan, the Soviet Union and much of the rest of the world.

The initial move was a letter to former secretary of state Alexander Haig, dated November 4, 1981. I asked, "Should the so-called 'West Bank' be shown as part of Jordan in maps issued by the Department of State?" And observed, "Not even the members of the Arab League recognized Jordan's sovereignty over this area..."

THE CIA mismapping and erroneous written descriptions of Jordan were part of a general practice in government circles, copied also by non-government publications and the media. These official maps and texts were the model for encyclopedias, atlases, most almanacs, textbooks, other reference works, magazines, newspapers and television. The result is the perception by many Americans that Israeli actions in Judea and Samaria are somehow improper, immoral, and

probably illegal.

For presidents of the United States, secretaries of state, and members of the public alike, the "truth" has often been that the land belongs to Jordan and that Israel has no business being there, for this is what our trusted sources of information—from every side—have presented to us since 1967.

In its erroneous presentation of the area in the past, the CIA complied with the instructions of the Department of State, which determines the U.S. government's position with respect to the sovereignty and lands of the nations of the world.

The new approach is in accordance with a directive issued on September 30, 1982, over the signature of Lewis M. Alexander, then director of the State Department's Office of the Geographer. Alexander instructed the CIA and 10 other government mapping agencies to institute specified changes in their new maps of the Middle East "to ensure that all United States government maps of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights clearly and consistently reflect United States' legal policy."

Alexander's directive gave no hint that it was being issued to correct 15 years of misimpression that the U.S. acknowledged Jordanian sovereignty over what the American maps term the "West Bank."

Moreover, the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs proscribed Alexander from informing the CIA or anyone else that their written descriptions of Jordan might contain errors.

One result was the odd presentation of Jordan in the CIA's 1983 *World Factbook*, in which the map was accurate but the text showed as belonging to Jordan "East Jerusalem," about 5,439 square kilometers occupied by Israel, an extra 845,000 people, and the three governorates Jordan set up in the area.

JIM ANDERSON, the diplomatic correspondent of United Press International, asked why the map in the CIA *World Factbook* was finally correct but the text not. This was on July 29, 1983, at the State Department's daily briefing for the media.

Contrary to the customary practice of later posting an answer in the State Department Press Room to questions which the department's spokesman was unable to answer immediately, no answer was ever given to Anderson's question.

Congressman Michael Barnes asked in a letter to the State Department on August 3: "Has the State Department provided any guidelines to the CIA or other agencies for changes in the written descriptions?"

This was one of many letters Barnes had written to the State Department since March 1982 in support of the effort to obtain a halt to the dissemination of our government of erroneous and misleading information about Jordan and the territory on the west bank of the Jordan River.

The answer came in a letter dated August 30, 1983, signed by Alvin Paul Drischler, acting assistant secretary of state for legislative and intergovernmental affairs: "It is the

position of the United States that the West Bank and Gaza Strip are territories occupied and administered by Israel. The final status of these territories must be agreed through the give-and-take of direct negotiations."

Drischler continued: "The State Department has been consulting with the CIA. In the next edition of *The World Factbook*, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip will have a separate listing, apart from Jordan and Israel, noting that these areas are occupied by Israel and that, in the view of the U.S. Government, their final status is to be determined by negotiations. The sections on Jordan and Israel will, naturally, be revised accordingly."

THIS TIME, the change was made. The 1984 *World Factbook* presents Jordan as a separate country. Its area, land, boundaries, population, governorates are those of Jordan alone. It terms the country a constitutional monarchy but notes that the House of Representatives was last chosen by national elections in April 1967, dissolved by the king in February 1976, and reconvened in January 1984. It also notes that the senate was last appointed by the king in January 1984, and that political party activity has been illegal since 1957.

There is a separate one-and-a-half-page section in the book entitled, "West Bank and Gaza Strip." Israel is described in one-and-three-quarter pages.

Unfortunately, all that this writer considers erroneous mapping practice has not been abandoned. For

'Young rebels' remember

By YITZHAK OKED / Jerusalem Post Reporter

IN 1954, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion dramatically called on high-school seniors in Israel's veteran towns and settlements, especially those from the moshav movement, urging them to serve in the Nahal pioneering youth and join new immigrants settling in the villages that were then being established in the Negev.

The only young people to rally to Ben-Gurion's call belonged to the Bnei Akiva youth organization and hailed mainly from three veteran Hapoel Hamizrachi moshavim: Kfar Hareoeh, Kfar Pines and Sde Yitzchak.

They saw it as their mission to become an integral part of the Negev. To their elders, however, they were rebels, together with the new immigrants.

After living with the new immigrants for several years, in 1959 these

idealistic young people were allowed to establish a village of their own. Kfar Maimon, named after the first minister of religious affairs, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Hacohen Maimon (Fishman), was set up in the northern Negev, near the Gaza strip.

Today, those "young rebels" are celebrating their 25th anniversary at Kfar Maimon. One of them, Meir Nishri, 46, puts the moshav's success down to the fact that the majority of its members have remained dedicated to the idealism which brought them to the Negev more than a quarter of a century ago.

Kfar Maimon is one of the most industrious and successful moshavim in the Negev. Even during the past two years, very difficult ones for Israel's agricultural sector as a whole, they have managed to keep their heads well above water.

Nishri explains that many moshav members including himself studied at the Mikve Yisrael agricultural high school and over the years have kept abreast with the latest developments in agricultural technology. This has made Kfar Maimon an agricultural "showcase" in the region, and farmers from Israel and abroad are taken to the moshav to see the latest developments.

The village, which belongs to the Hapoel Hamizrachi moshav movement, is also an excellent example of how successful Israel's melting pot can be. Many members are sabras

whose parents came from Russia on one side and Yemen on the other. Some settlers came here from Morocco or India as small children.

Very few voted for Shas or Tami in the July elections; these lists apparently did not appeal to the Sephardi members of the village. The majority of Kfar Maimon's votes were cast for Tehiya and Morasha, with a small minority going to the NRP.

This vote proves that the villagers, although now in their forties, still feel as they did three decades ago when they defied their elders and came to settle in the Negev. They not only vote for but actively support Gush Emunim and settlement beyond the green line with money and manpower—their sons and daughters who have completed military service.

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Money Matters

Bonds move up on shrinking volume

TEL AVIV. - Despite the fact that volume in the bond market shrank yesterday to the extraordinarily low level of IS323 million, the price level moved ahead by the largest amount in several sessions. The bond index picked up 1.41 per cent, led by double-linked and 80 per cent-linked bonds.

On the share market, volume was also very low, at just below IS400m., so that the combined total amounted to only IS720m., or \$2.3m. This is probably the lowest overall turnover on the exchange since it outgrew its diapers many years ago.

The share market was generally quiet, with very little price movement, although most of what there was was in an upward direction. The 2.13 per cent fall in the oil sector was the largest sectoral move, and the only one on the downside.

Advances continued to run ahead of declines, but there was clear evidence of profit-taking, as many of the issues that have risen sharply in the last few days fell back. Overall, the extremely low level of turnovers continues to weigh on the market.

Seismic Oil Exploration published its results for the period ending March 31, 1984. After adjustment for inflation, the company had a profit of IS47.75m. These results cover the period from February 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984, and are the first since the company went public. A few days ago, Seismic

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

announced the signing of a deal between itself and the Paz group on the one hand, and a group of four companies, comprising the Israel National Oil Company, Lapidot, Naphtal and MGN and represented by INOC. This group is to join the oil exploration project in the Dead Sea-Jordan Valley area, to the extent of 5 per cent each and 20 per cent altogether. In return for getting rights to 20 per cent of any oil found, the companies have undertaken to invest not more than \$10m. of the projected \$50m. cost of the project.

Seismic, which is the operator of the project, has also signed agreements with Lapidot, as an oil exploration contracting company, and with Masada, an oil-service company, whereby the latter two will have exclusive rights over the drilling and drill-servicing of the project, to a total investment of \$40m.

JOEL was informed by Bank Leumi that the latter has now acquired IS22.729m shares of JOEL, mostly through its mutual funds, so that Leumi is now legally an "interested party" in JOEL.

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	295.35	+0.48%
Non-bank Index	222.12	+0.68%
Arrangement	346.39	+0.42%
Bank Index Industrials	238.08	+0.49%
Bond Index	269.77	+1.41%

Turnovers

Shares	IS396.7m.
Bonds	IS322.9m.
IS719.6m.	
Advances	202
Declines	123
of which 5% +	48
of which 5% -	39
"Buyers only"	8
"Sellers only"	2

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked	Rise 1-3%
3% fully-linked	Stable/Rises to 2%
90% linked	Stable/Rises to 2%
Mixed to 3%	
Double-option	Rises to 3%
Dollar-linked	Rises to 3%

Most Active Shares

Leumi	IS49.6m. +35
Mizrahi	IS31.0m. +18
Hapoalim	IS29.7m. +18

Sharpest Moves

Feuchtwanger op.	44	-32	-42.1%
Atlas op.	290	+45	+18.4%
Eitan op.	87	-19	-17.9%
Rogovin op.	27	+4	+17.4%

LONDON BANK RATES

August 21, 1984

Bank	rate	prev.	close
Bank of England	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Call money	12	12	12
91 day treasury	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4
3-months Interbank	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4
Lloyds Bank	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4

U.S. remains over

O.C. savings institution

LOS ANGELES (Reuters). - A huge sale of American Express shares on Wall Street has given a much-needed cash boost to the troubled Financial Corporation of America (FCA), parent of the largest U.S. savings and loan association, but uncertainty still hangs over the institution's future.

Analysts still hang over the institution's future. Analysts said the \$222 million sale of seven million American Express shares on Monday and of as much as \$1.5 billion of mortgage-backed securities by FCA in the past few days would not be sufficient to meet the requirements of federal regulators who say FCA must increase its available capital.

Under the plan, have already informed Cohen-Orad that under no circumstances will they agree to the imposition of a property tax, as proposed by the Treasury. Additional opposition to the Treasury's plans is expected from Deputy Prime Minister David Levy. Levy's attitude was hinted at in his announcement during yesterday's talks between the Likud and Alignment economic teams that he plans to raise the Treasury's refusal to adjust the brackets at Sunday's cabinet meeting.

Cohen-Orad has tried during the past three days to enlist the Alignment's support for his plans, but all he could get was a promise from the head of the Labour Party economic team, Knesset Member Gad Ya'acobi, that his party will deal with each one of the proposed steps "on its merits."

Ministry officials scared

to 'fire' deputy-minister

TEL AVIV. - Ministry officials are reportedly scared to fire Deputy Minister David Levy, who has been accused of misappropriating funds from the Ministry of Defense.

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TOURISM BRIEFS

The Nachsholim Holiday Village, at the foot of Mt. Carmel, is engaged in an expansion project which has already doubled the number of self-catering units to 50, with another 30 units planned by next summer. A rustic self-service restaurant now seats 200, and is open to those not staying at the village. Another building, comprising lobby, reception desk and bar, is being planned. At a later period, a water recreation park and a fishing area are also to be installed.

A gala dinner is being presented by the Jerusalem Circle of Chefs to raise funds to send a team to the International Culinary Olympics in London.

Cohen-Orad is determined to present a plan for a budget cut totalling some \$800 million to the cabinet on Sunday. Most of the slashes - \$600 million - will fall on the welfare, housing, health and education budgets with only some \$200 million coming from the defence budget.

In addition to this proposed cut, the ministry has also prepared plans for large-scale cuts in subsidies and hikes in controlled prices, alongside the introduction of property taxes and an increase in VAT. The Treasury estimates that these measures could increase revenues by some \$1 billion.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that Cohen-Orad will try to implement his plan in two stages. First, he will present the proposed cut in

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Ethiopia pledges to ease

Jewish emigration

JERUSALEM Post Correspondent LONDON. - Britain has received assurances from the Ethiopian government that no more obstacles will be placed on the emigration of Ethiopian Jews. The assurances were given to Foreign Office Minister of State Malcolm Rifkind during a recent visit to Ethiopia.

Rifkind raised the question of the Ethiopian Jews informally during a dinner in his honour given by the Ethiopian foreign minister. Two senior Ethiopian cabinet ministers were admitted to him there had been problems in the past about Jewish emigration, but added that "this would no longer be a problem."

David Kessler, chairman of the Falasha Welfare Association, said he would now seek clarification from the authorities in Addis Ababa to see whether they would "be prepared to ease the restrictions on Jewish emigration."

Other statistics in the income report showed spending rose only 0.3 per cent in July and 0.4 per cent in June, a much lower rate than the jumps of 1.2 per cent and 1.6 per cent in May and April, respectively.

The weaker spending figures over the past two months are consistent with other recent signs that the rapid economic expansion is beginning to lose some force.

Robert Ortner, the chief Commerce Department economist, said the news on spending should help relieve anxieties that the strong economy will drive interest rates higher.

He said the economy is growing much more slowly in the current quarter than in earlier periods of this year. He said the expansion will ease steadily and finish the year at about a 4 per cent growth rate.

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August 21, 1984

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Swiss franc 129.25

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Norwegian krona 37.458

Danish krona 59.589

Finnish mark 51.388

Canadian dollar 239.23

Australian dollar 265.99

South African rand 199.23

Belgian franc 35.465

Austrian schilling 153.73

Italian lire 174.33

Japanese yen 128.81

Irish pound 333.25

Spanish peseta 188.90

Jordanian dinar 803.57

Lebanese lira 49.830

Egyptian pound 263.18

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Weizman steals the show

One month after the Knesset elections, the first shift in the tedious and deadlocked negotiations for a new government coalition seems in the making.

Until now the small parties which hold the keys - Ezer Weizman's Yahad, the National Religious Party, Yigal Hurvitz's Ometz and Aharon Abuhazzeira's Tami - had steadfastly declined the blandishments of both Likud and the Alignment. They were intent, by that tactic, of compelling the two big parties to join together in a national unity government.

This did not stop the major parties from continuing in their separate efforts to win over the small parties to the possibility of a narrow coalition. The Likud pursued this aim no less vigorously than the Alignment, even though President Herzog had selected Mr. Peres to take the first crack at forming a government.

The result of all this multi-directional bargaining was to make the negotiations even more difficult. For while the big parties were talking to each other, they were also, in their bargaining with the small parties, simply enabling the latter to raise the ante and play one against the other. But the large parties had little choice. For if either one could clinch even the faint possibility of a narrow coalition, this would strengthen that party's bargaining position with the other big party in the talks for a unity government.

Until this week the balance seemed to favour the Likud. Tehiya and the religious parties, with the exception of the NRP, were safely in its camp. And Dr. Burg seemed to be pressing his party to get on that bandwagon as well. Then with 59 seats assured, the Likud could feel confident that others, including Mr. Weizman, would go its way. And in any case it could dictate the terms to the Alignment in the unity talks.

This was the context that enabled the Likud, and especially its chief negotiator, David Levy, to adopt its strident tones. It berated Labour for its effort to salvage something of its platform in the negotiations and made it plain that while Mr. Peres had been given the presidential nod in the first instance, the premiership would have to go to Mr. Shamir - perhaps on a rotation basis.

Labour tried to maintain a brave front, but behind the scenes it appeared as if it were buckling. It was being shored up largely by the threats of Mapam from within. That party would bolt, if Labour caved in to the Likud. Mapam also strengthened the Alignment's hand in negotiations with the NRP by agreeing to the latter's demands on religious issues.

The uneasy stalemate now depended solely on Weizman. Hurvitz, Abuhazzeira and the NRP. And then this week, Mr. Weizman electrified the players by letting it be known that he would not go with the Likud. Mr. Hurvitz adopted the same position. Presumably Mr. Abuhazzeira, presently abroad, would as well, and in that case the Likud would be denied the possibility of heading a narrow coalition.

Suddenly, therefore, the balance had shifted in favour of Labour for a narrow coalition and in its talks with the Likud.

Thus, yesterday the Likud's rhetoric changed. Furious with Mr. Weizman, the Likud was now showing more interest in an accommodation with the Alignment. And Agudat Yisrael, whose announced and principal aim is not to be left out in the cold, was once again courting the Alignment.

It remains to be seen whether this shift in the equations will hold. If it does, then the nature of the Likud's interest in unity government will receive its first genuine test. For it will now have to accept a weakened bargaining position, and with that be willing to soften its demands.

If that does not occur, and if the Alignment remains firm, there is the arithmetic possibility of a narrow Alignment-led coalition. But whether that is also a real political option is not yet clear.

An end to bigotry

By ELIEZER WHARTMAN

THE COUNTRY is being treated to the degrading spectacle of splinter parties holding the larger parties to ransom as their price for joining a narrow coalition government.

Surely if we have learned anything from the past, it is that our electoral system, spawned in haste by a provisional government in 1948, must be discarded and replaced by a workable system based on constituency representation which can bring about a stable two-party system that will not be at the mercy of small, predatory ethnic or religious groups.

We have created a monstrous thing: a succession of governments ruled by splinter parties, representing only a fraction of the population, who have exploited the situation to wrest revolting concessions from their supine partners. Among these concessions is the right to bestow extraordinary benefits upon some citizens while denying elementary justice to others.

But the distinctions between citizen and citizen began with the establishment of the state when, at the insistence of the Orthodox religious parties - and in flagrant contradiction of the Declaration of Independence, which guarantees freedom of religion to all - the government denied to Conservative and Reform Jews the same rights as those accorded to Orthodox Jews.

Non-Orthodox Jews were prevented from having their rabbis serve on rabbinical courts, perform conversions, weddings, divorces or funerals. And they were harassed in numerous other ways. All this in the democratic state of Israel where all Jews are equal, but some are more equal than others.

NOT CONTENT with denying basic rights to non-Orthodox Jews within Israel, the rabbinical authorities denied the authenticity of weddings, conversions and divorces of immigrants who had been converted, married or divorced abroad. Children were declared bastards (*mamzerim*) and both they and their parents were forced to submit to the humiliating ritual of reconversion of "re-Judaization" by "kosher" Orthodox rabbis in Israel. And almost no one breathed a word.

The feeble protests by a handful of non-Orthodox Jews abroad were shrugged off by a succession of Labour governments which saw no need to yield to a few disgruntled Conservative and Reform Jews in Israel, whose rights were being infringed, as long as their co-religionists in the Diaspora continued to buy Israel bonds and give to the UJA.

The government spat in the eye of Diaspora Jewry, and their leaders said it was raining.

THIS WRITER recalls the many times that the matter was called to the attention of Golda Meir, whose stock response was that "when hundreds of thousands of Jews come here from the West, we'll discuss changes."

Meir, who had been influenced more by Minsk than by Milwaukee, could not grasp the elementary principle that if the rights of a single Jew were violated, it was as though they had been denied to a hundred thousand.

Moshe Kol, a minister in her government, would protest bitterly that every Sunday morning at the cabinet meeting he would ask Meir to put the subject of religious freedom on the agenda - "and just as regularly," he noted, "she struck it off." Almost none of the other parties of the coalition saw fit to disagree with her.

The Herut-Liberal faction, aside from some weak protestations by a few Liberals, was totally disinterested in religious pluralism. One suspects that many of its members - including its leader, a non-practicing Orthodox mystic - didn't even know the meaning of the word.

It is ironic that among those who today are most vociferous in condemning Meir Kahane, who would deny basic rights to Arabs, are men and women who quietly acquiesced for over three decades in a denial of basic rights to Jews. There was a "national unity" on the subject. It is they who have helped destroy the unity of the Jewish people, to which they gave lip service.

RELIGION IS a subjective belief in the existence of God. Precisely because it is subjective, it is highly individualistic. A belief in God cannot be dictated. It naturally follows that if such a belief cannot be forced upon anyone, neither can any laws be supposedly laid down by Him.

Dry Bones



dissolve the Knesset and hold new elections.

In view of the critical situation facing the nation today, this is the only possible action to take.

Such a move would produce a two-party system in which the victor would be able to set up a stable government, without the need for coalition partners. It would be able to carry out the platform on which it was elected. If it succeeds, well and good. If it does not, there would be a viable alternative.

IF NOTHING ELSE, it would eliminate, or certainly radically reduce, the number of religious bigots and extremists on both the left and the right, who are using the Knesset as a tool with which to bring it down.

I realize that it would be an unprecedented act for the two major parties to vote together for such a bill (or for any major bill, for that matter), but it is time that they took the long-range rather than the short-term view. Simply patching together another unstable narrow coalition government will not solve any problems.

Nor would the establishment of a so-called national unity government, for the Likud and the Alignment are far too divided in their philosophies to make it work. It would constitute a betrayal of the voters who cast their ballots for specific platforms.

It is time to change the *status quo*. The religious *status quo* has made second-class citizens of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel, yet it is perpetuated by the major parties simply in order not to rock the boat.

If insult is to be added to injury, and the major parties yield to the demands of the Orthodox groups in adopting the infamous Who is a Jew? (or, more precisely, "Who is a Rabbi") bill, they will only drive another wedge between Israeli and Israeli, and between Israel and the Diaspora.

ACCORDING to our sages, it was unnecessary hostility (*sinat chinam*) which resulted in the destruction of the Second Jewish Commonwealth. It is the same thing which in our time might cause the destruction of the Third - not by the physical dismemberment of the state, but by bringing about a paralyzing divisiveness within the people which may leave the country ungovernable and vulnerable before its enemies.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS JUDITH RESNICK, the first Jewish woman astronaut, will not have to light Sabbath candles when she goes in space, according to former chief rabbi Shlomo Goren, who has researched questions concerning the problems facing a Jewish astronaut.

Goren says that since time is calculated on earth according to the sun and moon, it cannot have an effect on persons travelling in space. This means that a Jew cannot celebrate the Sabbath and holidays in space. "The earthly days, nights and holidays simply do not exist for the traveller in space," he said.

He said that this is similar to a question he was asked by the president of the Pan American airline concerning Jewish travellers flying from San Francisco to Tokyo. The passenger leaves Friday afternoon and arrives in Tokyo Sunday morning, with the sabbath disappearing because he crossed the international date line. "The person simply does not have a Sabbath to celebrate," the rabbi said.

Goren, who has composed special prayers for paratroopers and pilots, was asked if he would be willing to compose a special prayer for Jewish astronauts. "No one has asked me to do so," he said, "but if I get a request, I'll think about it." Y.O.

PS NOTHING is sacred - not even a coffin - to "armed spider," a long-armed truck-mounted crane making life miserable for illegally parked drivers in Yugoslav cities.

Among its latest victims was a hearse, complete with a decorated coffin, standing in a hospital non-parking zone in Nis, about 150 kilometres southeast of Belgrade, the *Politika* newspaper reported recently.

The vehicle and its contents were snatched while the driver was in the morgue signing forms, according to *Politika*. The paper did not say whether the coffin was empty or not.

nk firm bought by paper company

American Israeli Paper Mills plans to continue to import ink from Hostman-Steinberg as at present, but at a later date it will import the basic ingredients and mix them here. Eventually it plans to import the raw materials and manufacture the basic ingredients here.

Haifa actress gets free ticket from Olympic Airways

Jonny Kern, recently appointed Olympic Airways manager for Israel, is continuing the tradition of the company in helping the arts.

One of his first steps in his new position was, granting actress Dalia Shinko, from the Haifa Municipal Theatre, a free flight with Olympic to a drama study tour in England.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM
MUSEUMS
Israel Museum, Exhibitions: Moshe Muler, environmental sculpture. Miniature Eighteenth Century French, English and American objects. Asael Kiefer, outstanding new German painter. The Art of Mosaic (until 31.8). Plasticine: The Other Side of the River. Egyptian Funerary Objects (Rockefeller). Window on Islam: Well Built Elephant. American architecture sculpture. How to wrap 5 eggs. (Japanese wrapping). Scaps (home theatre greeting cards). Happy Accidents - Marcel.

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READERS' LETTERS

HORSE REGISTRIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In her article of August 9 "A case of equine inequality," Miriam Cohen manages to thoroughly confuse an already confusing situation in regard to Israeli horses. First, there are two stud books for two different breeds in Israel. One of these, the Israeli Arabian Horse Registry, which Ben Gurion University maintains, is now in its third edition with some 220 horses recorded. This registry has been recognized since 1967 by the World Arabian Horse Organization (WAHO), which represents almost all of the world's Arabian Horse registries.

The American Arabian Horse Registry does not automatically recognize WAHO's approved registries, but insists on conducting its own examinations before acceptance. We are currently awaiting their first visit and have already sent them copies of our stud book for analysis. There is a difference between "not being acceptable," as Miriam Cohen states, and awaiting acceptance. The point of the visit of the American Registry personnel incidentally is not to determine whether we "conform to international standards," which has already been determined, but whether we conform to American standards which I am sure we do.

All purebred Arabian Horses in Israel with proper papers and pedigrees are found within our registry. Shalom-Mar is not one of these and we have no indication that this stallion was ever registered with us. He is therefore not a pure bred Arabian by definition - since he appears in no one's stud book.

There is a second stud book in Israel, the *Thoroughbred Stud Book*, which was the one rejected by the British Jockey Club during its September 1983 meeting in London. We have no connection with this registry. The breeds, Thoroughbred and Arabian are as distinctly different as their registries and should not be confused. If Shalom-Mar has no papers indicating he is of pure bred registered parents on each side he will never be registered by us or anyone else.

The ribbons which Shalom-Mar has received were apparently for his performance as a jumper, which has nothing to do with Arabian Horse show competitions. There is a difference between Arabian Horse shows and performance competitions in which Arabian Horses may also participate, like trail riding and jumping.

Lastly, Kfar Shmaryahu is not the center of the Arabian Horse industry in Israel. Some of the best Arabian studs are found in Galilee, Jerusalem, Rishon LeZion, Gedera, Hadera, and Beersheba areas.

PROFESSOR DANIEL COHEN
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Beersheba.

SENTENCE QUESTIONED

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I refer to your report of August 1, "Jewish terrorist gets three years, three suspended."

Yosef Zuria was found guilty of conspiracy to blow up the Dome of the Rock on Jerusalem's Temple Mount, illegal possession of weapons and fraud. Passing sentence, District Court Judge Yisrael Weiner spoke of the immense damage that would have been caused to the State of Israel had Moslem beliefs been violated by the evil plan to blow up the shrine.

My question to Judge Weiner is the following: What would have been the sentence, in similar circumstances, if the accused had been an Arab, inhabitant of the West Bank, or an Arab citizen of the State of Israel?

BRUNO HUSSAR
Jerusalem.

ELECTORAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Those of us interested in a change in our present electoral system owe Bernard Wasserstein the case against change - August 12) a vote of thanks for strengthening our convictions about the necessity for a change.

His flight of imagination about what may happen if electoral reforms are instituted seems somewhat exaggerated.

The current "frustrations" are not based on a single political event. The Committee of Concerned Citizens has been urging a change in our electoral system for many years prior to the present voting debacle.

The advantages of electoral reform far outweigh the disadvantages of the present system. Its most important advantage is that it will correct what Mr. Wasserstein himself points out as a disadvantage of the present system: "the disproportionate leverage it bestows on the small parties in the coalition bargaining." Surely it is time to eliminate this form of blackmail in forming a sane government.

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SENTINELS

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To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The report on the return to the United States of Dr. Wesley Brown, your columnist "Oikoumenikos," will be read with a certain sadness by those who have followed his columns and those of his predecessors over the years. We have valued them for their ecumenical spirit and unflinching informativeness, and especially as the expression of a conviction many of us shared with him, that Jerusalem, not Geneva or

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